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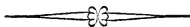
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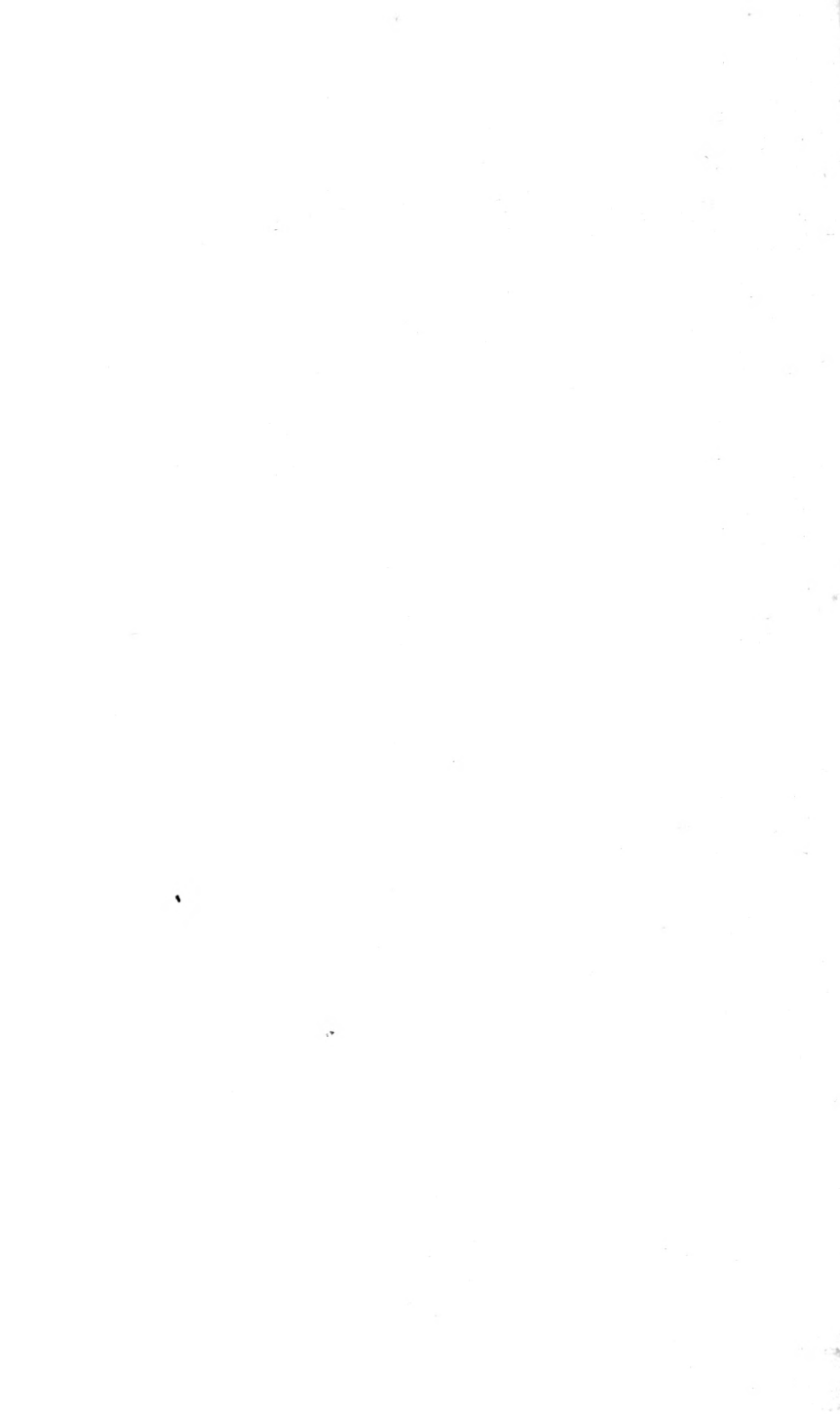


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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Isaiah xxi. 11, 12: “*Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.*”

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

##### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D.,\* George H. Fisher, D. D., Richard L. Schoonmaker,† *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest, William Mandeville, Charles Dusenberry.‡

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\* Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D.,\* James M. Mathews, D. D.,† Isaac Ferris, D. D.‡

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord, Talbot W. Chambers.† Elders—Peter A. Voorhees, Peter Z. Elmendorf,† Thomas Talmage.§

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. John Garretson, Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., James Romeyn.¶ Elders—Timothy Edwards.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. John Manley, Isaac D. Cole, Peter J. Quick.\*\* Elders—John J. Ackerson, Justin Demarest,†† Henry R. Stephens.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, J. Abeel Baldwin.† Elders—Jacob Rapalye, Leffert Bergen.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., Garret I. Garretson. Elders—Theodorus Snediker,\*\* Adrian Luyster.

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. Peter Labagh, George W. Bethune, D. D.,‡‡ John Van Liew. Elders—Abraham P. Hagaman, George W. Morris,||| Gilbert Lane.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. William S. Heyer, Cornelius Van Cleef, A. Elmendorf. Elder—John Barnes.† \*\*

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. J. L. Janeway, William Thompson.

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*— \* \* \* \* \*

12. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John Gosman, D. D., Jacob Fonda. Elders—John McClellan, Henry J. Shutts.\*

\* Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

¶ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

\*\* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

†† Obtained leave of absence after the *second* day of the session.

‡‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

||| Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.



## FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., James A. H. Cornell, Samuel Robertson. *Elders*—Peter Van Buren, Theodore F. Cornell, Gabriel R. Pinney.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Abraham Fort, Henry Ostrander, D. D. §§ *Elders*—James Martin,† James U. Emerick,\* † Luther Laflin.††

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. George R. Williamson,‡ John De Witt, Peter S. Wynkoop.|| *Elders*—Russel Judson, John D. Freest.||

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. David A. Jones, Joseph Parry, John H. Pitcher. *Elders*—Phineas K. Wells,§ Thomas S. Mott.¶

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Douw Van Olinda, James McFarlane, J. L. Stark.\*

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. E. S. Hammond,‡† Ambrose Eggleston,\*\* William Demarest. *Elders*—William Becker John Jost Haverly.¶

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. W. P. Davis, Charles S. Mead,\* Abraham J. Swits.\* \*\* *Elders*—Abraham Pearse, Moses Buck.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., John A. Liddell, Cornelius Gates.||||

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Robert P. Lee, Jun., George P. Van Wyck. *Elders*—Isaac Jennings, Richard Hardenbergh.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. William A. Cornell, Jeremiah Searle, William R. S. Betts. §§ *Elders*—David G. Abeel, William V. B. Heermance, Anthony M. Van Bergen.

\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the session, and succeeded by his *secundus*, Rev. Elbert S. Porter, on the *sixth* day.

|| Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence after the *fourth* day of the session.

\*\* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

‡‡ Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by Rev. Ransford Wells, his *secundus*.

|||| Succeeded on the *second* day of the session by his *primarius*, Rev. Wm. E. Turner.

§§ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan*.—Rev. David McNeish.\*

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet*.—Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff,† John Whitbeck, Oscar H. Gregory.‡ *Elders*—Francis Lansing, John C. Schuyler, and Charles Easton.||

### ARTICLE III.

#### M O D E R A T O R S .

The Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., was chosen *President*; the Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., was chosen *Adressor*; and the Rev. John Garretson and Cornelius Van Cleef, were chosen *Clerks*, *pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the Synod were read.

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## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

### ARTICLE II.

#### S T A N D I N G C O M M I T T E E S .

The following were appointed:

*On the Professorate*.—Rev. John Gosman, D. D., George H. Fisher, D. D., and John Garretson; and the Elders George W. Morris§ and Peter Van Buren.

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\* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

† Succeeded on the *third* day of the session by his *primarius*, Rev. Gilbert McP. Myer.

‡ Succeeded on the *second* day of the session by his *primarius*, Rev. William Pitcher.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

§ The Elder G. W. Morris having obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session, the Elder A. Van Nest was appointed in his place.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., S. M. Woodbridge and Richard L. Schoonmaker; and the Elders Jacob Rapalye and Theodore F. Cornell.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Robert P. Lee, Jun., Peter Labagh and Cornelius Van Cleef; and the Elders Peter A. Voorhees and Anthony Van Bergen.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. G. W. Bethune, D. D., J. Searle and D. A. Jones; and the Elders, John McClellan and Abraham P. Hagaman.

*On Overtures and Judicial Business.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Isaac D. Cole and John A. Liddell; and the Elders, Charles Easton and Isaac Jennings.

*On Accounts.*—Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., John Manley and William Demarest; and the Elders, Theodorus Snediker and Richard Hardenbergh.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and G. H. Fisher, D. D.; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and John C. Schuyler.

*On Education.*—Rev. James M. Matthews, D. D., John H. Pitcher and Anthony Elmendorf; and the Elders, William Mandeville and Timothy Edwards.

*On Nominations.*—Rev. John Van Liew, Garret I. Garretson and James A. H. Cornell; and the Elders, Henry R. Stephens and Francis Lansing.

*On the Widow's Fund.*—Rev. William S. Heyer, Douw Van Olinda and J. L. Janeway; and the Elders, David G. Abeel and Leffert Bergen.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. De Witt, in relation to certain original historical documents in the Dutch language, which have been loaned to the Synod by the Classis of Amsterdam, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., George H. Fisher, D. D., and the Elder John C. Schuyler.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Synodical Reports beg leave to present the following, as their Report, viz.:

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall, at New Brunswick, N. J., at 12 o'clock M., July 15th, 1845.

The following members were present, to wit:

Rev. John Garretson,	Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,
“ Ebenezer Wiggins,	“ Jeremiah Searle,
“ Thomas M. Strong, D. D.,	“ J. A. H. Cornell,
“ F. M. Kip,	“ O. H. Gregory,
“ J. S. Himrod,	“ Abraham Messler, D. D.,
“ James Murphy, D. D.,	“ John A. Yates, D. D.,
“ C. L. Van Dyke,	“ S. H. Meeker,
“ Charles Whitehead,	“ J. A. Staats,
“ John H. Pitcher,	“ J. Schoonmaker, D. D.,
“ J. B. Hardenbergh, D. D.,	“ Alanson B. Chittenden.

After an address to the throne of grace, the Board was organized by the election of the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., *President*; and the Rev. Francis M. Kip, *Clerk, pro tem*.

From the Faculty we learn that the exercises of the year commenced with the following young gentlemen in attendance, viz.:

#### OF THE SENIOR CLASS.

W. BAILY,	J. M. KNOX,	A. LLOYD,
J. LANSING,	W. A. MILLER,	J. MINOR,
J. SIMONSON,	T. C. STRONG,	G. VAN NEST,
J. TALMAGE,	G. TALMAGE,	J. WEST—14.
J. N. VOORHEES,	A. WYCKOFF,	

#### OF THE MIDDLE CLASS.

N. CHAPMAN,	J. COMPTON,	J. C. DUTCHER,
S. SEBER,	B. F. MURDEN,	A. STEWART—8.
C. SPALDING,	P. D. VAN CLEEF,	

#### OF THE JUNIOR CLASS.

N. CONKLIN,	J. DAVENPORT,	D. LORD,
R. STEELE,	A. R. VAN NEST,	J. MANNING—8.
J. E. WHITEHEAD,	J. W. BELLINGER,	

“Of the above young men,” the Faculty remark, “Mr. George Van Nest, in consequence of the death of his parents, and the necessity resulting from that double bereavement, of attending to the affairs of the family estate, deemed it proper to withdraw from the Seminary, with the intention of returning to take his place with the present Middle Class, at the commencement of the next term,

when he is expected to be here." And, "Mr. A. R. Van Nest, who entered with the present Senior Class, but was compelled (as stated in a former report) to withdraw on account of ill health; through the goodness of God, has been enabled to resume his studies, taking his place with the present Junior Class."

"Mr. Bellinger," continues the Faculty, "was early and suddenly taken from us by the hand of death. Beloved for his amiableness and piety where he was best known, and esteemed for his talents where they would be best appreciated, his loss is deeply deplored, while we bow with submission to the sovereignty of God, and rest in the assurance that, however our hopes may be disappointed, He will not fail in instrumentalities to carry on and perfect his own purposes of grace to man." And finally, they say that

"The affairs of the institution have proceeded through the year with regularity and order; and if some cases have occurred in which greater punctuality could have been desired, nothing has taken place to call for special representation to the Board."

From the above statement and catalogue, it appears that while the year commenced with thirty-one students in the Seminary, only twenty-nine were present at the annual examination. One having been previously called away by domestic affliction, and the other having departed (as we trust) to be with Christ, which is far better.

And in this connection, your committee are reminded of an additional bereavement the Church has suffered during the last year, in the decease of Mr. Isaac L. K. Miller. It will be remembered that his health failed him after spending two years in our school of the prophets; and that the Synod granted him a dispensation from the remainder of his course, at their session in 1844, and permission to be examined with his class before the Board of Superintendents, at their meeting a year ago, or the committee for the reception of students in the fall, in order to obtain the requisite professional certificate; but it has pleased an All-wise Providence to deny this very interesting and promising brother the privilege for which he longed, of entering the door thus opened before him, and to deprive the gospel vineyard of the benefit of his much desired labors, by continued and increasing indisposition, until, in January of the current year, he was gathered unto his fathers; "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

The students were examined for the most of two days, on the various branches of study to which their attention has been directed, and exhibited, throughout, highly satisfactory evidence of diligence and proficiency. The Senior Class was further examined on personal piety, and their views and motives in seeking the gospel ministry. They also gave the usual specimen in composition and preaching. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the examination be sustained, and that the members of the present Senior Class, who have appeared before the Board, be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate

to entitle them to examination before the several Classes to which they belong, for the purpose of being licensed to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the preaching of the students is complained of by the faculty as a serious evil, the subject be referred to General Synod for their adjudication."

This course was proposed and adopted by the Board, because all their attempts have hitherto failed to secure obedience to what it is believed is, and ought to be, required of those who are members of our Seminary.

The seats of the following members of the Board become vacant at the next meeting of the General Synod, viz.:

Rev. S. H. Meeker, *South Classis of New York*.

" John Garretson, *Classis of Bergen*.

" Thomas M. Strong, D. D., *South Classis of Long Island*.

" John H. Pitcher, *Classis of Washington*.

" Alanson B. Chittenden, *Classis of Schoharie*.

" Charles Whitehead, *Classis of Orange*.

" Jeremiah Searle, *Classis of Orange*.

At the close of the exercises, an address was made to the students by the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., according to appointment, and prayer being offered, the Board adjourned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *President*.

A true copy from original Minutes.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Stated Clerk*.

Communications were received from the Classes of New York and New Brunswick, recommending suitable persons to receive aid from the funds of the Synod in the prosecution of their studies for the ministry, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Ulster, requesting a dispensation of the rule adopted at the last General Synod, in relation to the reception of licentiates and ministers from other denominations not in correspondence with the General Synod, in favor of the Rev. Mr. Gulick, who has received a call from the church at Woodstock, which was referred to the committee upon the reference from the Particular Synod of Albany, in relation to the said resolutions. (*See Art. VII.*)

A communication was received from the Classis of New York, requesting Synod to grant a dispensation in favor of Mr. John Neander, a missionary of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Reports were received from the Classes of Bergen, New York, South Classis of New York, Paramus, Passaic, South Classis of Long Island, North Classis of Long Island, Watervliet, Rensselaer, Washington, Montgomery, Schoharie, Schenectady and Ulster, on the subject of the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the last General Synod, (*See p. 468-69,*) which were referred to the Clerks, as a committee to report the decision of the Classes on the subject.

An Extract was received from the Minutes of the Classis of New York, recommending Mr. William Anderson for a dispensation, allowing him to be admitted to an examination for admission into the Theological Seminary in the succeeding autumn, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An Extract was received from the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, in relation to the case of Mr. Robert C. Clark, and their proceedings in withdrawing his license to preach the gospel, which was requested to be sent up to the General Synod, (*See Minutes, June, 1845, p. 408,*) which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia was received, in relation to the resolutions adopted by the last General Synod on the subject of receiving ministers and licentiates from other denominations, not in correspondence with the Synod, (*See Minutes, Vol. VI., p. 469,*) which was referred to the committee appointed upon the reference of the Particular Synod of Albany in relation to said resolutions. (*See Art. VII.*)

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of subscribers to the Permanent Fund, a list of the endowed Scholarships in the Theological College, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widow's Fund and the annuities thereon, together with accounts current of said Board with the Board of Education and the Widow's Fund, and a system of rules and orders in relation to said Fund.

So much of the above report as relates to the Widow's Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widow's Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That they have met during the past year as often as the claims of the business confided to them have required; and that, as in all preceding years, their proceedings have been uniformly with entire unanimity.

The Treasurer's accounts, herewith transmitted, will show the state of the several funds of the Synod. The Treasurer, from the income of its funds, has been able promptly to meet the current expenses of Synod.

The investments on bond and mortgage are believed to be in all cases on good securities, and the interest thereon has been punctually paid.

A very few of the subscriptions to the endowment of the third Professorship in our Theological Seminary, have been received during the year. The Board feel it to be desirable to collect these subscriptions as soon as practicable, and have made application on the subject to all the subscribers. The interest on those outstanding, is, to a considerable extent, paid; but in addition to the trouble of collecting these small sums, in the mutation of things, losses have occurred, and are to be anticipated.

Upon the proposal of the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, to pay the principal of his note for \$510.50, one year hence, and asking for a relinquishment of the arrearages of interest thereon; and in consideration of the history of this indebtedness on the part of Mr. Schermerhorn, the Treasurer has been directed to comply with his request. He has accordingly cancelled the former note of Mr. Schermerhorn, and taken his note, dated 1st December, 1845, for \$510 50, payable in one year, with interest from its date.

The Treasurer has paid to Peter Spader, Esq., agent, &c., \$105 87, for repairs to the college and out-buildings at New Brunswick, exclusive of \$350 paid to him for the same purposes out of the collections for the contingent expenses of Synod. He has also paid to the Trustees of Rutgers College, six hundred dollars, the balance of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, directed by the General Synod to be paid them: also a bill for fitting up a room in Rutgers College for the use of the Society of Inquiry, amounting to \$13 60. He has received from the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, given by the late Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased, for the benefit of the Domestic Missionary Board of our Church: to invest the same on bond and mortgage, and pay the interest arising therefrom, from time to time, to the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions. He has received from Francis Gross, Executor of the estate of Nehemiah Denton, deceased, the sum of one thousand dollars, bequeathed by Mr. Denton to General Synod, to be applied by them in equal portions to the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and has paid the same to the Treasurers of those Boards respectively.



There has been paid into the Treasury of Synod by William T. Miller, executor of the estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, the sum of four thousand four hundred and fifty-one dollars and eight-eight cents, being the principal of a sum of \$4,000, with interest thereon, bequeathed by Mrs. Hornbeck to General Synod for education purposes. The principal sum of \$4,000, has been invested on bond and mortgage, and the interest (\$451 88) has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, after deducting therefrom counsel fees paid in the suit in the Court of Chancery respecting the bequest.

The Board suggest to the Synod, that out of this fund a Scholarship be established, and called the "Elizabeth P. Hornbeck Scholarship."

There has also been paid into the Treasury, as above, the sum of \$2,468, on account of two-sixths parts of the residuary estate of the said Mrs. Hornbeck, bequeathed by her to the Synod's Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions: this amount has been paid to the Treasurers of these Boards respectively, in equal parts, and accountable receipts taken therefor, and subsequently the sum of \$120 has been paid to the Treasurer on the same account.

The contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, for the publication of the Psalm and Hymn-book, expired on the second of January last. It is at the discretion of the Synod either to direct a renewal of the contract with these gentlemen upon equitable terms, or to close their connexion with them.

In relation to the Widow's Fund, your Board would express their deep regret in being compelled to report it as almost stationary. During the past year it has scarcely received increase: only the sum of \$271 80, has been realized from collections in the churches, exclusive of those collections which have been applied to the payment of pastors' subscriptions, and which therefore are used as income. During the past year payments have been received from twenty-six subscribers, several of them paying up arrearages which had accrued, amounting in all to \$734 40.

The principal of the fund is now \$11,562 76; which will yield an annual interest of \$693 76. The entire income of the year, including the balance of the previous year, is \$2,047 93.

The whole number of subscribers now on the list, who have contributed, is forty-six.

There are at present seven annuitants on the fund—

One of whom receives, per annum,	-	-	-	-	-	\$75 00
One " " " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
One " " " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	175 00
One " " " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Three receive \$200 each, " " " " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	600 00

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Total amount of annuities, - - \$1,100 00

Two persons have paid \$333 33 each, the amount which, at six per cent., will produce twenty dollars per annum: one person has

paid \$220, and another \$205, on account. These principal sums are, hereafter, by the existing rules, to be refunded.

The Board can only renew the expression of their confidence in the principles upon which this fund is established; their deep persuasion, increased by what they have already seen of the relief which it affords, of its great importance, and their regret that by both ministers and churches it receives so little attention. In their apprehension, it ought to be doubled during the next year, and our ministers generally should secure an interest in it. It possesses just claims upon all the churches, and commends itself to the liberal regards of the wealthy and benevolent. In order to enable this fund to accomplish its intended object, it is indispensable that its principal amount should be increased from year to year. The sources of this increase contemplated by the plan, are collections in the churches, and donations. The Synod, by allowing collections to pass, when so directed, in payment of ministers' subscriptions, has already diverted many of these collections from being principal into income. The whole income of the fund is *now* nearly exhausted by the payments to actual incumbents. Unless, therefore, the principal shall be speedily increased in amount, as incumbents increase in number, the allowance to them must be necessarily diminished, to the prejudice of those who shall hereafter have claims on the fund. The Board, therefore, earnestly invite the attention of the Synod to the best measures for the immediate and material increase of this fund, as well as for its gradual and continued growth in future years.

The Board were directed by Synod, at its last meeting, to publish, as an Appendix to the Minutes of Synod, the plan, principles, rules and by-laws of this fund, as they now exist. They were not aware of this order until the publication of the Minutes was in too great a state of forwardness to allow of their compliance. They herewith present the rules and orders in relation to the fund, as, amended from time to time, they are now found. These, with the foregoing statement, will put the Synod in possession of all the facts belonging to the subject.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, has been appointed to give Synod any farther information that may be required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY, }  
JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

*New York, June 1st, 1846.*

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in  
account with ISAAC YOUNG, their Treasurer.*

1845.		Dr.	
June	3	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	\$393 75
		“ “ Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	5	“ “ John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, interest on the invested Scholarships, (\$25,785) up to 4th inst.,.....	\$844 06
		One year's interest on his note, for \$300,.....	21 00
			<u>\$865 06</u>
		Deduct one year's interest on \$1,085, the amount of the Freeborne Scholarship, for accumulation,.....	\$65 10
	17	“ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437 50
	21	“ “ Isaac Young, Treasurer, one year's salary and disbursements for postage, &c.,.....	252 04
	25	“ “ the Doorkeeper's bill for attendance on General Synod, at the session at New Brunswick this month, and stationary, &c., .....	14 75
	28	“ “ Rev. Dr. Knox, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, his travelling expenses to Cincinnati, Ohio,....	62 75
July	9	“ “ Rev. John Garretson, his subscription for one year to the Widow's Fund, withdrawn,....	20 00
	18	“ “ Rev. Zechariah H. Kuypers, annuitant, due to him on the 1st May last, out of the income of the Widow's Fund,.....	100 00
	21	“ “ Rev. John S. Ebaugh, his subscription for one year to the Widow's Fund, returned,.....	20 00
	22	“ “ Lydia M. W. Sluyter, annuitant, due to her on the 1st May last, out of the income of the Widow's Fund,.....	100 00
	23	“ “ John Post, for printing the Minutes of the session of General Synod on the 4th June last, .....	211 61
		Carried forward,.....	<u>\$2,806 11</u>

1845.	Dr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$2,806 11
July 23	To Cash paid Rev. Ransford Wells, his subscription for two years, to the Widow's Fund, withdrawn,...	40 00
24	" " Rev. Charles Whitehead, his subscription for one year to the Widow's Fund, withdrawn,...	20 00
August 2	" " Catherine E. Van Wagenen, annuitant, due to her on the 1st May last, out of the income of the Widow's Fund,.....	100 00
	" " John Compton, for fitting up a room in Rutgers College for the Society of Inquiry,....	13 60
	" " John Compton, towards his salary for six months as Janitor of Rutgers College, due 25th July last,.....	50 00
3	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, one year's interest on Henry Rutgers's donation of \$5,000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June last,.....	\$300 00
	And a dividend on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, belonging to the College,.....	7 50
22	" " Jerome Lott, for a Book of Minutes for General Synod,.....	10 90
Sept'mbr 2	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due yesterday,.....	393 75
6	" " David Board, for making a Book-case in the Consistory Building, rear of the North Church, New York, to contain the Synodical Archives, &c.,.....	44 83
19	" " Peter Spader, agent, &c., amount of sundry bills for repairs to Rutgers College,.....	105 37
October 8	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vrauken one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st September last,.....	393 75
14	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st September last,.....	437 50
28	" " Rev. Dr. Ferris, delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, his travelling expenses to York, Penn.,....	16 00
Novembr 2	" " Catharine E. Van Wagenen, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	100 00
4	" " Maria Rudy, annuitant, her dividend for one year out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	150 00
	" " Zechariah H. Kuypers, annuitant, his dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	100 00
	" " Lydia M. W. Sluyter, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	100 00
7	" " Jane Hunt, annuitant, her dividend for one year out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	75 00
	Carried forward,.....	\$5,264 86

1845.		Dr.	
		Brought forward,.....	\$5,264 86
Novembr	10	To Cash paid Abraham Van Nest, disbursed by him, for printing circulars, postage, &c., respecting the collections for the contingent expenses of General Synod,.....	12 50
	15	“ “ Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, his subscription for two years to the Widow's Fund, withdrawn,....	40 00
	21	“ “ Clarissa H. Wood, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	87 50
		“ “ the New York Guardian Insurance Company, for assignment of William Churchill's bond, to them secured by mortgage, .....	6000 00
Decembr	2	“ “ for an account book for the Education and Widow's Funds, .....	2 50
	3	“ “ Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theol. College, due 1st inst.,...	393 75
	5	“ “ John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, six months interest on the invested Scholarships, up to 4th inst., &c.,.....	\$805 05
		Deduct six month's interest on the Freeborne Scholarship for accumulation,.....	32 55
			\$772 50
		Interest on \$4,000, devised by Eliz. P. Hornbeck, deceased, to the fund,.....	\$451 88
		Deduct counsel fees, paid to David B. Ogden, 25th Nov., 1844, out of the funds of General Synod,.....	\$25 00
		And this amount paid to L. W. Kip, a counsel fee,....	100 00
		And half cost of a blank book,.....	1 25—126 25—325 63
		“ “ Leonard W. Kip, a fee for himself and Daniel Lord, the counsel in a suit in the Court of Chancery, respecting the Legacy of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck to General Synod, for Education purposes,.....	100 00
		“ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College due 1st inst.,.....	437 50
	19	“ “ Rev. Dr. Proudfit, delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, his travelling expenses to York, Penn., .....	13 62
	22	“ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, half of the salary of the Librarian for one year, ending 1st April next,..	\$50
		And for fuel for the current year, ending 25th July next,.....	20
			70 00
		Carried forward,.....	\$13,520 36

1845.	Dr.	
Decembr 22	Brought forward, ..... To Cash paid Peter Spader, Committee, &c., expended by him for repairs to Rutgers College, per order of General Synod in June last, .....	\$13,520 36 350 00
<b>1846.</b>		
January 7	" " Rev. Isaac S. Demund, his subscription for three years to the Widow's Fund withdrawn, .....	60 00
17	" " Greenwich Insurance Company, the premium for Insurance of Rutgers College, \$3,000, for one year, .....	48 00
29	" " John Compton, towards his salary for six months as Janitor of Rutgers College, due 25th inst., .....	50 00
March 5	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	393 75
7	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	437 50
10	" " William R. Thompson, Treasurer, devised by Nehemiah Denton, deceased, to General Synod, for the benefit of their Board of Foreign Missions, .....	500 00
	" " William R. Thompson, Treasurer, on account of one sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Synod's Board of Missions, .....	696 00
	" " Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer, devised by Nehemiah Denton, deceased, to General Synod, for the benefit of their Board of Domestic Missions, .....	500 00
	" " Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer, on account of one sixth of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Domestic Missions, .....	696 00
16	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vrauken, six month's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	787 50
April 3	Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, the balance of \$1,500, agreed to be paid by General Synod to the Trustees of said College, .....	600 00
May 1	" " Clarissa H. Wood, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due this day, .....	87 50
	" " William H. Scofield, loaned him on his bond to General Synod, dated this day, secured by mortgage of property in the city of New York, .....	6000 00
2	" " Mary Bourne, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due yesterday, .....	50 00
	" " Lydia M. W. Sluyter, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due yesterday, .....	100 00
Carried forward, .....		\$24,876 61

1846.	Dr.	
	Carried forward,.....	\$24,876 61
May 4	To Cash paid Rev. Zechariah H. Kuypers, annuitant, his dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	100 00
5	" " Maria Rudy, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	75 00
	" " Catharine E. Van Wagenen, annuitant, her dividend for six months out of the income of the Widow's Fund, due 1st inst.,.....	100 00
12	" " William R. Thompson, Treasurer, &c., on account of one sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Synod's Bd. of Missions, ..	538 00
	" " Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer, &c., on account of one sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Domestic Missions, .....	538 00
14	" " Rev. W. Lohead, his subscription for 3 years to the Widow's Fund, with int., withdrawn,	63 60
25	" " Rev. Dr. Strong, Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st June next,.....	\$150 00
	Postage paid by him,.....	1 27
	Disbursed by him, for binding two sets of the Minutes of General Synod, per their order,.....	5 00
	" " The following persons their expenses in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theol. Coll. at N. Brunswick, viz.:	156 27
	Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyck,.....	\$5 50
	" Ebenezer Wiggins,.....	7 00
	" John H. Pitcher,.....	9 50
	" J. Searle,.....	8 00
	" Francis M. Kip,.....	5 75
	" James A. H. Cornell,.....	13 00
	" John A. Yates, D. D.,.....	18 00
	" John Garretson,.....	5 00
	" Ransford Wells, including his disbursements as Stated Clerk,	22 26
	" O. H. Gregory,.....	11 50
	" Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,.....	20 00
	" A. B. Chittenden,.....	12 50
	" James Murphy, D. D.,.....	14 50
	" John A. Staats,.....	2 00
	" Charles Whitehead,.....	5 00
	" John S. Himrod,.....	5 62
	" J. Schoonmaker, D. D., twice,	4 50
	" Stephen H. Meeker, 3 times, ..	6 00
	" J. B. Hardenbergh, D. D., twice,	3 00
	" Thomas M. Strong, D. D.,.....	1 41
		180 04
May 30	To balance in Bank,.....	\$3,017 08
		\$29,644 60

1845.		Cr.		
May	31	By balance brought from account rendered this day,.....	\$3,650	49
June	5	By Cash received of John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, one year's interest on his note for \$300, due 6th inst.,.....		21 00
	6	" " of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New York, six months' interest on their four bonds to General Synod, for \$26,000..	780	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due 4th inst.,.....	120	00
	22	" " of the Dutch Church in Broome street, New York, interest on their three bonds to General Synod, amounting to \$9,600,.....	489	00
	30	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due yesterday,.....	60	00
August	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due yesterday,.....	105	00
	8	" " of Peter Spader, agent, &c., for the balance of cash in his hands belonging to the Professoral Fund of Rutgers College,.....	206	33
	14	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$1,000, due yesterday,.....	30	00
	21	" " for six month's interest on bond for \$5,000, due 1st May last,.....	150	00
Sept'mbr	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 4th June last,.....	180	00
	15	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105	00
October	21	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 16th inst.,.....	105	00
	24	" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, for principal and interest of a Legacy of \$4,000 by her to General Synod, for Education purposes,.....	4451	38
	28	" " for one copy of the Memoir of Rev. Dr. Livingston,.....	1	00
Novembr	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,800, due 27th October last,.....	84	00
	4	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th October last,.....	75	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 3d October last,.....	255	00
	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$6,300, due this day,.....	249	00
	7	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d October last,.....	60	00
	11	" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixths parts of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions,.....	1000	00
	21	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due to-morrow,.....	300	00
Carried forward,.....			\$12,477	70



1845.		Cr.	
		Brought forward, .....	\$12,477 70
November	28	By Cash received for six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst., .....	350 00
December	5	" " of John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, the principal and six months' interest of his note for \$300, due to-morrow, .....	310 50
		" " for two dividends on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College, .....	20 12
	8	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due 4th inst., .....	120 00
	11	" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixth parts of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, .....	392 00
	30	" " for six months' interest on four bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New York, to General Synod, for \$26,000, ..	780 00
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January	3	" " of Francis Gross, Executor, &c., of Nehemiah Denton, deceased, a Legacy by him to General Synod, for the benefit of their Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, equally, .....	1000 00
	7	" " of Rev. Isaac S. Demund, to be applied to securing him an interest in the Widow's Fund, according to the additional article appended to the plan of the Fund in June, 1844, .....	205 00
	27	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 4th December last, .....	180 00
	31	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due this day, .....	105 00
February	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 29th January last, .....	60 00
	13	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$1,000, due this day, .....	30 00
	17	" " of Rev. Jacob C. Sears, to be applied to the securing to him an interest in the Widow's Fund, per resolution of Synod made in June, 1844, .....	14 00
March	11	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due first November last, .....	150 00
	17	" " for six months' interest on bond, for \$3,500, due first inst., .....	105 00
April	1	" " for one copy of the Memoirs of Rev. Dr. Livingston, .....	1 00
	4	" " of Adriance Van Brunt, his subscription of \$250 to the Permanent Fund, with interest, .....	295 00
		" " of John Spader, in full of his subscription to the Permanent Fund, .....	250 00
Carried forward, .....			\$16,845 32

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	Brought forward,.....		\$16,845 32
April 7	7	By Cash received of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixth parts of the residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$338 each,.....	676 00
	17	" " of Robert Lane, Executor, &c., in full payment of a bond of Peter Van Zandt, deceased, to General Synod, with interest,.....	6147 00
	22	" " for six months' interest on bonds for \$3,500 due 16th inst.,.....	105 00
May 2	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,800 due 27th April last,.....	81 00
	4	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th April last,.....	75 00
	6	" " for six months' interest on bonds for \$3,300, due this day,.....	249 00
	8	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d April last,.....	60 00
	11	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 3d April last,.....	255 00
		" " William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixth parts of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$200 each,.....	400 00
	16	" " of Rev. John H. Pitcher, to be applied to the purpose of securing to him an interest in the Widow's Fund, according to the additional article appended by General Synod, to the plan of the Fund at their session in June, 1844,.....	333 33
	19	" " for six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	300 00
	23	" " of D. D. Williamson, Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, this amount given or bequeathed by Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased, to the said Society, and is now by the order of its Board of Managers, to be invested, and the interest thereof paid to the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Domestic Missions,.....	250 00
	25	" " of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., for the balance of interest on the Professoral Fund of General Synod in his hands,...	152 76
		" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixth parts of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions of General Synod,.....	120 00
Carried forward,.....			\$26,052 41

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May 27	Brought forward, .....	\$26,052 41
	By Cash received for six months' interest on bond for	
29	"    "    \$6,000, due 21st inst., .....	180 00
	"    "    for six months' interest on bond for	
	"    "    \$10,000, due 22d inst., .....	350 00
	"    "    for the contingent expenses of	
	General Synod, collected in the	
	Reformed Dutch churches at—	
	Schenectady, .....	\$5 00
	Market street, New York, .....	17 66
	Church in Broome st., N. York, ..	34 51
	First Church at Brooklyn, .....	34 63
	Oysterbay, .....	15 25
	Newark, .....	20 00
	Schraalenbergh, .....	12 31
	Flatbush, .....	11 70
	Port Richmond, .....	13 00
	Gravesend, .....	10 00
	Hackensack, .....	9 41
	Newtown, .....	10 62
	Franklin street, New York, ....	18 29
	New Utrecht, .....	14 00
	Owasco, .....	2 17
	South Church, West Troy, .....	4 00
	Bleecker street, New York, .....	22 33
	Jamaica, .....	18 06
	Gansevoort, .....	6 00
	Geneva, .....	10 00
	Church of Manhattan, New York, ..	6 23
	First Church at New Brunswick, ..	20 07
	Rockaway, New Jersey, .....	2 25
	Collegiate Churches, New York, ..	113 70
	Unionville, .....	8 50
	Flatlands and New Lots, .....	14 62
	Church on Washington Square, ..	34 47
	First Church in Philadelphia, ....	16 26
	Little Falls, .....	8 62
	Bushwick, Long Island, .....	5 25
	Second Church at Albany, .....	7 06
	Second Church at N. Brunswick, ..	11 87
	East New York, Long Island, ...	7 58
	Fort Plain, .....	5 00
	North Hempstead, .....	9 00
	New Durham, .....	3 01

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May 29	Brought forward,		\$27,144 84
	Market street, New York,	\$36 72	
	Deduct pastor's subscrip.,	20 00—16 72	
	First Church at N. Brunswick, ..	16 50	
	Collegiate churches, N. York, ...	145 63	
	Market street, New York, \$49 25		
	Deduct pastor's subscrip.,	20 00—29 25	
	Donation, per Rev. Dr. Wyckoff,	3 80	
	“ “ Knox, ...	3 00	
			278 00
	By Cash received for interest on subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, due 1st May, 1845, of—		
	the Collegiate Churches, N. Y...	\$300 00	
	Maria J. Kissam, .....	30 00	
	John Oothout, .....	30 00	
	Thomas C. Doremus, .....	30 00	
	Stephen Van Rensselaer, .....	300 00	
	David L. Haight, .....	30 00	
	David H. Haight, .....	30 00	
	Leffert Lefferts, .....	30 00	
	Samuel Smith, .....	30 00	
	David W. Wetmore, .....	30 00	
	Richard F. Carman, 5 years, ....	150 00	
	Abraham Van Nest, .....	300 00	
			1290 00
	“ “ of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the Widow's Fund, viz.—		
	Rev. James Donald, .....	\$20 00	
	“ Wm. C. Brownlee, D.D., ..	20 00	
	“ John Garretson, .....	40 00	
	“ John S. Ebaugh, .....	107 20	
	“ Ransford Wells, .....	41 20	
	“ Charles Whitehead, .....	63 60	
	“ Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., ..	41 20	
	“ Edward H. May, .....	20 00	
	“ N. J. Marselus, D. D., ....	20 00	
	“ George Bourne, .....	41 20	
	“ David A. Jones, .....	20 00	
	“ Henry A. Raymond, .....	20 00	
	“ William S. Heyer, .....	40 00	
	“ Peter J. Quick, .....	20 00	
	“ Stephen H. Meeker, .....	20 00	
	“ Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,	20 00	
	“ Enoch Van Aken, .....	20 00	
	“ George G. Sill, .....	20 00	
	“ Isaac Ferris, D. D., .....	40 00	
	“ John S. Mabon, .....	20 00	
	“ Brogun Hoff, .....	20 00	
	“ R. Ormiston Currie, .....	20 00	
	“ R. W. Knight, .....	20 00	
	“ Alexander H. Warner, ....	20 00	
			734 40
	Carried forward,		\$29,447 84

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	Brought forward,.....	\$29,447 84
May 29	By Cash received during the past year, for Minutes of General Synod, from the Classis of—	
	Passaic,.....	\$5 50
	Schenectady,.....	5 00
	Philadelphia,.....	5 75
	Illinois, .....	2 00
	Paramus, .....	12 00
	Schoharie, .....	3 50
	Bergen, .....	10 00
	New York, .....	32 00
	Ulster,.....	24 45
	Albany,.....	5 00
	Bergen, .....	2 75
	Ch. at Utica, for back Minutes,	4 00
	Passaic,.....	7 12
	Orange,.....	20 00
	Ulster, .....	18 82
	New Brunswick,.....	17 50
	South Classis of Long Island,.	6 75
	North .."....."....."	3 50
	Sold by Rev. Dr. Strong, and at the office of the Christian Intelligencer, .....	11 12
		196 76
1846.		\$29,644 60
May 30	By balance carried to new account,.....	\$3,017 08

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

THE subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of three thousand and seventeen dollars and eight cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, }  
W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

*New York, June 1st, 1846.*

# ANNUAL DIGEST.—1846.

THE Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :—

## FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

### THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1846, to..		\$20,250 00
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1846,.....		690 41
Interest due on same fund, 1st May, 1846, .....		1,409 15
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this fund during the past year,.....		<u>1,512 00</u>

### LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

This Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage on property in the State of New Jersey, amounts to.....		\$2,000 00
Interest due thereon, 1st May, 1846,.....		120 00
Balance in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1846, .....		107 11
There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,.....		<u>90 00</u>

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for Education Purposes,.....		\$31,085 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, on the 30th May, 1846, .....		<u>97 65</u>

### WIDOW'S FUND.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widow's Fund,.....		\$11,100 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, .....		462 76
Balance of income in his hands, to be distributed,.....		357 75
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto,.....		<u>1,425 00</u>

## PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz. :

Loaned by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages of Real Estate, (except the Bonds of the Collegiate churches,).....	\$67,015 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st of May, 1846, which is loaned on Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey,.....	2,680 00
Twenty-three Shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at.....	575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's Note, .....	510 50
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,...	550 00

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for this object, during the past year, arising from collections in the churches,.....	\$562 43
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## MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year, .....	\$196 76
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c., .....	211 61

ABM. VAN NEST, *President*.

JOHN KNOX,                    }  
W. B. CROSBY,                }*Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer*.

NEW YORK, 30th May, 1846.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. ABRAHAM VAN NEST, *President*; Messrs. WILLIAM B. CROSBY, THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN, and Rev. JOHN KNOX, D. D., *Directors*; and Mr. ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer*.

## ARTICLE V.

### C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., in relation to certain original historical documents, in the Dutch language, which have been loaned to the General Synod by the Classis of Amsterdam, submitted the following minute, which was adopted:—

*In General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the United States of America, convened in annual session in the City of Albany, State of New York, on the 4th day of June, 1846.*

It having been stated to Synod that the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., a member in regular standing of the Classis of New York, is about to visit Europe, and will probably be in Holland during the sessions of the General Synod of the Church of Holland, and the meetings of other judicatories of that Church:—

*Resolved*, That this Synod commend our beloved brother to the entire confidence and affection of the brethren and judicatories of that Church, from which the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the United States has sprung, and toward which it continues to cherish the most affectionate regards.

*Resolved*, That Dr. De Witt be hereby commissioned by this General Synod, to express to the brethren and judicatories of the Church of Holland with whom he may meet, these sentiments of our Christian fellowship: to make known the high gratification it will afford us to cultivate a more frequent and intimate correspondence: and if it be consistent with their rules and regulations on such subjects, we do hereby authorize and empower Dr. De Witt to appear and act as the delegate of this Synod, in any meeting of any of the judicatories of the Church of Holland, which may convene during his sojourn in the fatherland.

*Resolved*, That our representative to the Church of Holland be hereby authorized to obtain, if possible, from the Classis of Amsterdam, the permanent possession of certain historical manuscripts, loaned to this Synod for a limited period by said Classis.

*Resolved*, That this communication be signed by the President and Stated Clerk of this Synod, and transmitted to Dr. De Witt.

*Resolved*, That Dr. De Witt be authorized to offer a reasonable consideration, if required, to the Classis of Amsterdam, for the



original Dutch manuscripts, referred to in the above minute, which have been loaned by them to the General Synod.

The Rev. Henry G. Comingo, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church laid on the table of the Synod, three copies of the last published Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., of the German Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church. On taking his seat the delegate laid upon the table of the Synod, twelve copies of the Minutes of the last session of the German Reformed Synod.

Separate reports were received from the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., and the Rev. Dr. Proudfit, delegates to the last meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, which were accepted. So much of these reports as relates to the subject of missions, was referred to the Committee on Missions, and the residue to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence having given to the subjects which properly come under their notice, or were specially referred to their consideration, the attention which their importance seemed to require, respectfully present the following *report*:

From the several ecclesiastical bodies with which our Church maintains correspondence, we receive assurances of continued fraternal regard, although no suggestions or communications have been made by any of them, demanding the particular notice of this body. Peace seems to subsist in the midst of them, and a good degree of general prosperity to have marked their history during the past year. The various objects of Christian benevolence which they are accustomed to aid, seem to have received increased support, and the limits of Christ's kingdom, as represented by these denominations, to have been gradually extended, through the use of those spiritual weapons of our warfare, the benign and resistless influences of light and of love, which the Saviour has committed to his Church and her ministry. For these tokens of the divine favor, we rejoice with our brethren; while we mourn, in common with them, the painful absence, to so great a degree, of the more special bestowment of spiritual influences upon believers and the impenitent world. We would unite with them in the fervent prayer, "O Lord, revive thy work!"

Your committee regard our correspondence with other denominations with growing interest, and would themselves rejoice to see it prudently enlarged. They cherish the pleasing belief that by this method of indulging Christian fellowship, the gracious affections of sanctified hearts will become more tender and elevated; the bond which unites all the members of the same household of faith, will come to be better recognized and more powerful, and the Church of the living God be both enlarged and beautified.

To your committee were referred by Synod certain resolutions of the Classis of Bergen, bearing upon our correspondence with the German Reformed Church, together with the reports made to Synod by your delegates to the last Synod of that body. The resolutions of Classis propose, for various reasons therein specified, that the correspondence between the two bodies be abrogated; and the reports, though they make no such suggestion, bring into view the same difficulties.

Your committee confess that this subject has awakened the greatest anxiety in their minds. The thought of interrupting that intimate correspondence with our brethren of the German Church, towards which events of providence and the sympathies of both parties had for a long time been leading, and which was but the last year so delightfully consummated, might well excite painful emotions. Nor can we bring ourselves to believe that such a suggestion can or will be entertained and acted upon by this Synod, excepting upon an overmastering demand of manifest duty, which will leave no alternative, and allow no consultation with flesh and blood. Such your committee do not think is yet the attitude of this connection. It is no light matter to wound the bosom of brotherly affection, as such a severance must do—to rupture the bonds of Christian fellowship between two portions of Christ's Church so nearly allied by a common origin and common standards, and almost ready, as we were supposing, "like kindred drops, to mingle into one"—no light matter to set an example of new division and separation at a moment when the Christian world evidently needs greater combination of her forces to insure success in her resistance to the various forms of evil that encompass her, and in her aggressive movement upon a world estranged from Christ and lying in wickedness—especially when, as by a simultaneous impulse, the heart of Christendom is throbbing with intense desire for a larger and more intimate union among Christians, and the best minds of Christendom are anxiously inquiring by what method that union may be consummated. The subject which has excited these fears is yet in process of development, and should be fully understood by us, before such an act as that contemplated. Moreover, duty of another kind most evidently devolves upon us in the present case: that first, and affectionately, we should present our difficulties to our brethren, and endeavor, in the legitimate exercise of that power which love will give us over them, to bring them back to the paths from which we may suppose they have

diverged. When such efforts shall have failed, the painful alternative will still remain, should it be deemed desirable to apply it.

While, however, we thus speak, our German brethren cannot be surprised, that on the general subject we should experience deep solicitude. The intrinsic importance of the points brought into discussion, the very general interest which the publications of their Professors have excited, would abundantly justify our anxieties. But when, in addition, we advert to the great influence which, from the terms of correspondence between us, each Church may exert upon the other, our anxieties are naturally redoubled; and our brethren would themselves think us strangely remiss, should we make no inquiry and manifest no concern. We should clearly be recreant to plain duty, and our silence—in reality, our indifference—could not possibly enhance their respect for our zeal in the cause of truth, or our consistency.

It can hardly be required, in this connection, to assure our German brethren that we feel no disposition to meddle or dictate in what is properly their business. We are far from it. Their own affairs they will be left to administer in their own way, without interference from us. We wish not to appear even to be busybodies in other men's matters, or to assume any authority over their faith. The grounds of our action in the present case, however, we think, are so plain, and the reasons why we advert to this subject so evidently proper, that we hope and believe they cannot be misapprehended. And whatever may ensue, it shall be our aim that all things shall be done under the promptings and control of that love which is the bond of perfectness.

With these remarks, your committee have unanimously agreed respectfully to submit the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of five persons be appointed by this Synod, to take this subject into consideration, and to confer with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the German Synod, should they see fit to make such appointment, in relation to the matter embodied in this report; that they meet as soon as convenient after the ensuing regular meeting of the German Synod, at such place as they shall themselves agree upon; and that our committee report in full to the next General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the reports of our delegates to the last German Synod, yesterday read to this house, be referred to such committee, without being printed and incorporated with our Minutes.

3. *Resolved*, That Drs. Ludlow, Fisher and Gosman, with the two delegates from this body who shall attend the next meeting of the Synod of the German Church, be said committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons, from whom to elect delegates to the Corres-

ponding Churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., *Primarius*, and Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., *Secundus*.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church, Rev. James Romeyn and Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., *Primarii*; and Rev. James M. Mathews, D. D., and Talbot W. Chambers, *Secundi*.

The following report was received from the delegate to the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was accepted :—

*To the Reverend General Synod of the Ref. Dutch Church :*

The undersigned, your delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, begs leave to state, that he has fulfilled his appointment, made by your body in June, 1845. The General Assembly held its sessions in the city of Philadelphia in May last. Your delegate was received with Christian courtesy and kindness.

Several matters of importance came before the Assembly during the stay of your delegate. The subject of Missions, both Foreign and Domestic, occupied a prominent place in the attention and deliberations of that body. Their reports on this subject are of a very interesting character, and show that as a Church, they are carrying on this blessed work with increasing energy, persevering zeal, and enlarged plans of operation.

After spending several days in the Assembly, your delegate left with the deep and delightful conviction, that we are bound together by the ties that make the different parts of the household of faith one in Christ our Head; that we are aiming at the same great object—the glory of God in the salvation of lost men, through Jesus Christ—and that this Synod has every reason that can bear upon the promotion of fraternal feeling and the advancement of truth and righteousness in the world, to cherish and perpetuate this pleasant Christian intercourse with those, our brethren in Christ. That it may be so, is the sincere desire and prayer of your delegate.

JOHN GARRETSON.

## ARTICLE VI.

### SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., William S. Heyer and James A. H. Cornell, and the Elders, Timothy Edwards and Isaac Jennings.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave respectfully to report :—

The Statistical Tables of the Particular Synods for 1846, show thirty-four of our churches to be without pastors. There are at the same time sixty ministers without charges, and three candidates. Of these, twelve, perhaps more, may be held excused from more active duty, by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity; seven are honorably employed as missionaries at home or abroad; fifteen are engaged in teaching; thus leaving nearly thirty brethren whom we have a right to rely upon for the filling of vacancies, while the Theological Seminary promises a speedy addition of nine candidates; so that there soon will be more unplaced ministers and candidates than churches without bishops. Upon this full supply of an educated ministry, besides those, who, incapable of pastoral labor, linger among us, to aid with wise counsel, and others holding various important stations as instructors of youth, the committee think the Church should be congratulated. It is, however, of grave importance that the Classes observe strictly the law of the Church in reference to the secular employment of men set apart to the ministry of the word, and firmly restrain them from leaving their covenanted work without the best reasons; as few things are more likely to bring both Church and ministry into disrepute than the idleness or worldly engagement of persons solemnly and voluntarily consecrated to the service of the sanctuary. Such breaches of vows to God and his cause should be severely rebuked. Your committee are moved to make these remarks by the fact that there are ministers, not known to be *emeriti*, or missionaries, or teachers, or infirm, who have been reported for years (some of them for many years) past, as without charge; since we cannot readily believe them to be without opportunities of discharging their office, were they heartily inclined to go where Providence calls. If there be not room for them among the older churches, they may find it among the newer settlements of our spreading population; or if they cannot obtain employment in their own country, there are wide lands lying under the shadow of death. It is a shame when any man ordained a minister of Jesus Christ, having strength for the preaching of the word, turns to his farm or his merchandise, while the cry is heard from so many destitute of the gospel, "Come and help us." The fact that such men preach occasionally, instead of palliating, aggravates the evil, since it makes their ill example more notorious, and not unfrequently prostitutes the holy dignity of reverend station to purposes of sordid gain.

The committee have learned with regret, that one of your ministers has been suspended from office, by the Classis of Albany, which should call to our remembrance the earnest advice of our Lord, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation!" May the

Good Shepherd graciously seek and restore every wanderer from his fold !

Our venerable fathers, the Rev. Dr. Sickles and Rev. Stephen Ostrander, after long lives of pious usefulness ; the Rev. Cornelius Brouwer and George Bourne, among our beloved and most aged ministers ; and our younger brethren, the Rev. Joel Wood, James E. Quaw and Amzi Babbit, have ceased from their labors, entering into the rest which remaineth to the people of God. Thus are we reminded that the time is short in which we are permitted to work for the blessed Master, who himself wrought while it was day, that he might make partakers of his eternal, unspeakable joy, all who follow his example of zeal.

The rich privileges which are granted to our Church, in abundant means of grace, religious freedom, evangelical purity of belief, apostolical order and primitive simplicity of worship, should urge us to most devout thanksgiving ; nor can our gratitude be sincere, except as we obey the divine command to love our neighbor as ourselves, and earnestly seek by every method in our power to extend the same blessings among the nations of the earth, as well as the destitute of our own land. Our compactness, unity of faith, harmony of sentiments, and plentiful share of this world's goods, with the liberal endowments left by our fathers, eminently fit us for a missionary Church ; nor should we forget that the Church of the Reformation, from which we derive our name, Confessions and Liturgy, was the first in modern times to attempt, upon an enlarged scale, the characteristic charity of Christ's true friends, the evangelization of the world. Your committee observe, not without delight, the growing liberality of our people to the cause of missions, Domestic and Foreign ; discovering in it the best evidence of divine grace toward us ; yet our contributions are far short of the only limit which Christian fidelity should acknowledge : the doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. There remains in our own country very much land to be possessed, offering large space for the enterprise of our younger ministry, as well as the pious liberality of those who, not able or willing to go themselves, should send the messengers of salvation among their kindred and countrymen. Providence has greatly favored us in the foreign field, by giving us devoted men as our representatives to heathen lands ; but our zeal has not been equal with our advantages ; and your committee believe that this shortcoming would be remedied, were the spirit of prayer, especially in our monthly missionary prayer-meetings, more earnestly cultivated. Nothing can so enlarge the heart as close, habitual fellowship with the Father, who so loved the world as to send his only begotten Son, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but the sins of the whole world.

Here it becomes your committee to record the deep interest with which the Synod have listened to the statements made by our reverend brother, the Secretary of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews. The near relation which, as Chris-

tians, we sustain to that now scattered people, whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is God over all, blessed for ever; and the intimate connection, according to prophetic promises, of their restoration with the final triumphs of the Church, recommend the descendants of ancient Israel to our warmest sympathies. The number of our own pious ministers and laymen, who, with other highly intelligent Christians, are devoted to the cause of the Society, gives us full warrant for the execution of its purposes, so far as means are furnished. The cheering announcement that an Israelite of the circumcision, now an Israelite indeed, by the circumcision not made with hands, is waiting for the sanction of the Classis under whose care he has been received, to commence his labors as a missionary among his Jewish brethren, should exhort and encourage us to enter upon the good work, which received very early attention from the fathers of the Netherlands churches, as appears in the provisions made by them soon after the establishment of their own religious liberties, for the enlightenment of the Jews.

The spirit of harmonious love, which has so long eminently characterized our Church, still rules in the hearts of the brethren, and the committee know not that there is any root of bitterness springing up among us. There are also many other evidences of external prosperity, for which it becomes us to be devoutly thankful.

Notwithstanding these varied and multiplied favors from Almighty God, there is great reason that we should humble ourselves before him, because of our shortcomings in duty. The Report on the State of Religion transmitted to us by the Synod of last year, lamented that "the various ordinances of the gospel seemed to have been in a melancholy degree unaccompanied by the power of divine grace, . . . for that few had come from the world to the solemn feasts of Zion." We have now still greater reason for such lamentings, as our additions, stated in this year's report, are nearly one-third less. Indeed, for a number of years past we have not had so few proofs among us of God's converting power. The average of persons added by confession of faith, is little more than three to each church—not a quarter of the number in the year 1843. Such withholding of the divine testimony to the truth should awaken our deep anxiety; for although it is not our part to convert souls, and the Father reserves the times in his own power, we are taught by his own word that his "time to favor Zion" is when "her saints take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof." When we know that the effectual fervent prayer of one righteous man availeth much; that he has appointed the light of his servants' holy life as the argument for men, who see their good works, to glorify our Father which is in heaven, and that he has challenged us to bring all his tithes into his storehouse, and prove him whether he will not pour out upon us a blessing until we shall not have room to receive it; this sad dearth of spir-

itual fruits should convince us of our own failure to live, to pray, and to consecrate our means for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Our petition to God, therefore, should be, that he would "search us and try us, and see if there be any evil way in us; and that he may bless us with such holy searching, we should examine our own hearts and lives carefully by the light of his faithful word, in order to the forsaking of every provoking sin, and the doing of every neglected duty. We have no right querulously to chide God, as though he were the cause of our barrenness, since he has not forgotten to be gracious, and has bestowed upon us such abounding favors; but we may, humbly thanking him for his long-suffering and bountiful compassion, plead with him to deliver us from the bondage of our own evil hearts, and the temptations of the Evil One. Your committee would ask the authority of Synod, to exhort all our people that they be more earnestly united in persevering entreaties at the throne of grace, more careful to maintain good works, and more liberal in their gifts to the Lord's treasury; that the ministers preach more in the spirit of Jesus, the simple truth as it is in Jesus, looking to Him who alone can give the increase, and remember that he hath declared Christ to be the wisdom of God, and the power of God unto salvation. It is of vast moment that we preserve our understanding from all errors of doctrine: but we should also consider that there are errors of heart equally dangerous; and truly, it is a pernicious error to be neglectful of immortal souls, for whom we must give account unto God. If we be not zealous in sowing the good seed of the word, the devil is zealous in sowing tares. The influences of evil are rife on every hand. The snares of worldly temptations entangle the feet of our people, seducing the old and young to folly. In proportion as evangelical piety has decayed, the forms of a sensual religion, attractive to the imagination, and flattering to the carnal pride of self-righteousness, prevail. Superstitions long buried, or at least greatly weakened, have been exhumed and revived. Nor can we recover and maintain our influence for usefulness by any contest with the powers of mischief on their own ground. The only successful opposition to sense must be made by the Spirit. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty, through God;" our Master is the King of Truth, and his "kingdom, righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." We must be more pious, if we would make, by God's blessing, the glory of our Church to appear; we must teach the gospel more simply, and rely upon it more confidently, expounding its doctrines, as taught by the Heidelberg Catechism, and other Confessions of our Church, more carefully and systematically, if we would succeed in triumphing over error. These considerations are submitted by your committee, not because they are novel—for we are servants who know our Master's will—but to stir up our minds by way of remembrance, and in the hope that we may be led, by the reiteration of familiar, but neglected truths, to the only place where we can find healing and strength—the foot of His cross, from whose



example and service we have so widely wandered. Let us, then, who are here present, instantly begin, and on our return to our several churches, endeavor that they also may begin with us, a return, with confession of sin and entreaty of forgiveness, unto God our merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, who has promised to heal our backslidings and love us freely, if we be penitent and believing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. BETHUNE, *Ch'n.*

## CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.			Number of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.
{ New York, .....	John Knox, .....	490	2700	1376	20	44	41	1	14	1384	50	1	35	6	630	{ 310 Fourth St., N. Y. 24 Amity Place, " 220 Ninth Street, " 7 Albion Place, " 322 Greenwich St., " 145 Greene Street, " 48 MacDougal Street, " 46 Hammond Street, " 214 West 22d Street, " 355 Fourth Street, " 175 Houston Street, " Harlem, " West Farms, " Yonkers, West. co., " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I.,	
	W. C. Brownlee, .....	170	.....	300	8	15	15	3	6	302	23	..	50	1	.....		
	T. De Witt, .....	160	960	217	3	13	7	..	1	225	..	..	..	..	..		
	T. E. Vermilye, .....	80	430	135	5	20	16	..	3	191	7	1	112	95	140		
	Franklin Street, .....	300	1200	525	4	18	3	..	6	533	38	..	175	43	347		
	Broome Street, .....	N. J. Marselus, S. C., .....	41	215	67	5	2	2	..	2	70	13	1	77	50	2113	
	Houston Street, .....	E. H. May, .....	.....	.....	94	4	1	6	..	1	92	5	..	..	..		
	Greenwich, .....	J. Lillie, .....	.....	.....	.....	9	38	7	13	..	63	..	..	38	2	279	
	Twenty-first Street, .....	J. C. Gullin, .....	50	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	15	..	..	..		
	Stanton Street, .....	J. S. Ebaugh, .....	117	400	117	4	5	2	..	..	123	10	2	..	1	100	
	Ger. Evan. Miss. Church, .....	E. Van Aken, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	German Ref. Church, .....	R. L. Schoonmaker, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Bloomingdale, .....	Vacant, .....	50	150	57	3	6	4	..	1	61	4	3	..	27	1	50
	Harlem, .....	J. Simonsen, .....	70	300	60	3	19	1	..	1	81	9	..	30	25	1	125
	Fordham, .....	V. M. Hulbert, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
West Farms, .....	Vacant, .....	100	500	213	7	13	6	..	2	230	14	..	89	47	1	125	
Yonkers, .....	J. Willson, .....	53	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	..	..	30	10	1	50	
Greenville, .....	Wm. S. Moore, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Tarrytown, .....	J. Brownlee, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Unionville, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Staten Island, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			

Ministers without charge—Rev. Ph. Milledoler, D.D.; C. C. Vermeale, D.D.; P. I. Van Pelt, D.D.; J. Mulligan; J. Buckham; W. Boyce, & P. M. Brett.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Tompkinsville,.....	John E. Miller,.....	....	400	135	9	9	9	..	3	142	12	1	....	....	1	120	90	
South Dutch,.....	John M. Macauley,.....	100	700	261	7	11	25	..	3	251	15	1	50	....	..	150	100	
Market Street,.....	Isaac Ferris,.....	220	1300	444	12	22	19	..	7	452	20	1	236	30	1	372	289	
Washington Square,.....	Mancins S. Hutton,.....	200	1000	243	13	20	9	..	..	281	25	5	200	20	1	225	160	
Manhattan,.....	F. F. Cornell,.....	98	....	173	1	7	6	1	4	182	20	2	90	128	3	213	200	
Bushwick,.....	S. H. Meeker, S. C.,.....	76	370	148	9	6	1	..	3	159	14	1	25	20	1	90	80	
Courtlandtown,.....	C. D. Westbrook,.....	....	....	115	12	..	1	..	..	4	123	27	2	....	....	....	....	

## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.										Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.						
First, New Brunswick,...	Samuel B. How,.....	71	350	84	10	14	7	1	100	13	40	20	1	70	60	New Brunswick, N. J.						
Second, New Brunswick,...	D. D. Demarest,.....	170	975	229	3	11	2	2	229	13	90	40	7	300	60	New Brunswick, " "						
Six Mile Run,.....	Jacob C. Sears,.....	150	.....	280	1	11	5	4	282	17	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	Six Mile Run, " "						
Hillsborough,.....	J. L. Zahriskie,.....	75	400	125	11	5	3	.....	127	13	40	.....	2	30	.....	Millstone, " "						
Middlebush,.....	John A. Van Doren,.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	5	6	22	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, " "						
Raritan,.....	Abraham Messler,.....	112	560	218	8	8	5	3	226	13	97	12	3	204	155	Somerville, " "						
Second, Somerville,.....	Talbot W. Chambers,.....	200	1000	282	6	5	5	5	233	38	154	70	6	.....	.....	Somerville, " "						
Bedminster,.....	George Schenck,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pluckemin, " "						
North Branch,.....	James K. Campbell,.....	90	400	94	5	1	.....	3	97	19	30	20	1	70	50	North Branch, " "						
Rockaway,.....	Gwyn Talmage,.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	1	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	Whitehouse, " "						
Lebanon,.....	Robert Van Anburgh,.....	90	410	55	7	6	2	1	63	6	55	.....	2	120	70	Lebanon, " "						
Griggstown,.....	Jeremiah Lord,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Griggstown, " "						
Spotswood,.....	Vacant,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						
First, Freehold,.....	A. A. Marcellus, S. C.,.....	130	656	150	2	.....	2	4	147	10	50	35	1	90	70	Freehold, " "						
Second, Freehold,.....	Harvey D. Gause,.....	43	215	29	2	4	.....	.....	35	9	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	Freehold, " "						
Middletown,.....	William Reiley,.....	116	580	110	4	3	.....	.....	117	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hohadel, " "						
Middletown Village,.....	A. C. Millsbaugh,.....	65	300	63	5	.....	1	.....	72	.....	40	.....	4	60	.....	Middletown, " "						

Ministers without charge—J. S. Mabon; J. J. Schultiz; J. T. B. Beckman; J. V. Morris; P. Stryker; J. C. Van Liew; John Proudhit;  
 H. B. Stryker; Wm. J. Thompson; Wm. Knight; Nicholas E. Smith; *Licentiate*, Charles V. Romondt.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.					
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Cou- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of School- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen, .....	Benjamin C. Taylor, ....	230	1450	292	7	1	4	1	5	291	27	1	78	10	1	140	.....	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
English Neighborhood, .....	Philip Duryea, .....	120	550	127	1	1	2	13	1	113	9	1	40	15	1	30	.....	English Neighborhood, " Hackensack, Berg. co., "
Hackensack, .....	Alexander H. Warner, .....	147	622	158	3	3	3	1	3	157	13	1	80	13	1	60	.....	Hackensack, " Schraalenbergh, .....
Schraalenbergh, .....	Cornelius Blauvelt, .....	150	730	175	2	3	2	1	2	181	8	1	122	110	3	242	.....	Hackensack, " Belleville, .....
Belleville, .....	John Garretson, S. C., .....	106	550	102	3	1	1	1	1	104	17	1	50	2	1	100	.....	Belleville, Essex co., " Jersey City, .....
Jersey City, .....	Mathias Lusk, .....	235	1300	335	21	22	3	1	3	332	27	1	240	240	1	325	.....	Jersey City, Hud. co., " Bergen Neck, .....
Bergen Neck, .....	James Rameyn, .....	56	280	56	2	3	10	1	1	56	8	1	30	32	1	70	.....	104 Vesey st., New York. Newark, .....
Newark, .....	James Scott, .....	56	280	56	2	3	10	1	1	56	8	1	30	32	1	70	.....	Newark, Essex co., N. J. Clintonville, .....
Clintonville, .....	John L. Chapman, .....	70	350	44	6	3	1	1	2	49	2	1	20	20	1	30	.....	Clintonville, " New Durham, .....
New Durham, .....	William J. R. Taylor, .....	70	350	44	6	3	1	1	2	49	2	1	20	20	1	30	.....	New Durham, " First church of Van Vorst, .....
First church of Van Vorst, .....	Vacant, .....	70	350	44	6	3	1	1	2	49	2	1	20	20	1	30	.....	New Durham, Hud. co. "

Ministers without charge—P. S. Williamson; W. V. V. Mabon; Candidate, Jacob N. Voorhis.

## CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Pompton,.....	H. Doolittle,.....	170	930	165	4	3	10	1	4	157	13	..	30	..	3	85	...	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains,.....	Garrit C. Schauck,.....	155	850	151	1	6	4	1	2	151	17	..	25	8	4	100	...	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Montville,.....	James L. Jaueway,.....	140	700	113	4	..	..	..	1	121	16	..	40	20	1	60	45	Pine Brook, Mor.co., N.J.
Fairfield,.....	John I. Quick,.....	100	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	100	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	Caldwell, Essex co., "
Freakeess,.....	John A. Staats, S. C.,.....	54	312	35	1	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	35	10	1	30	75	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds,.....	Barnabas V. Collins,.....	70	..	53	3	..	..	..	15	66	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	Paterson, N. J.
Wyckoff,.....	Abraham G. Ryerson,.....	110	670	63	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	2	60	...	Little Falls, N. J.
Little Falls,.....	Edwin Vexder,.....	50	250	50	1	..	..	..	..	51	5	..	20	..	1	60	...	West Bloomfield, N. J.
Stone House Plains,.....	William Thompson,.....	55	300	56	1	1	..	..	25	54	3	..	26	16	..	90	...	West Bloomfield, N. J.

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibli- cal Instruction.		Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.
Tappan,.....	J. D. Cole,.....	165	300	167	3	5	1	4	170	19	1	25	25	1	....	....	Piermont, N. Y.
Clarkstown,.....	P. J. Quick,.....	210	1150	233	8	1	2	8	232	19	1	100	100	1	50	....	....
Aquacknonk,.....	W. R. Bogardus,.....	196	812	151	7	4	2	1	167	13	1	68	....	....	1	135	Paterson, N. J.
First church of Totowa,.....	E. Wiggins,.....	150	700	263	3	3	6	4	255	19	....	100	20	1	140	....	Paterson, "
Second church of Totowa,.....	J. H. Duryea,.....	140	760	145	1	1	1	2	143	18	....	20	....	....	40	....	....
Paramus,.....	W. Eltinge,.....	100	536	111	....	....	1	....	110	10	....	15	....	....	....	....	Mousey, N. Y.
Saddle River,.....	J. Manley,.....	120	543	151	....	....	3	....	148	11	....	20	....	1	60	40	Mousey, N. Y.
Hempstead,.....	P. Allen,.....	72	308	91	....	....	1	....	87	1	....	12	....	2	....	....	Mousey, "
Ramapo,.....	F. H. Vanderveer,.....	72	346	67	4	1	3	....	63	9	....	10	....	....	....	....	Ramapo, N. J.
Warwick,.....	C. S. Hageman, S. C.,.....	60	....	71	5	....	3	....	1	72	3	2	....	....	....	....	....
Nyack,.....	C. E. Crispell,.....	70	325	84	1	4	5	1	83	12	1	40	20	1	50	....	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont,.....	.....	51	230	40	1	5	2	2	42	2	....	18	8	1	45	30	Piermont, N. Y.

## SOUTH CLASSES OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.			Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.
Brooklyn.....	M. W. Dwight.....	150	800	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	30	30	.....	1	120	90	Brooklyn, L. I.	
New Utrecht.....	R. Ormiston Currie, S. C.,	85	475	132	2	510	.....	.....	.....	1	128	9	50	40	2	162	130	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend.....	Abm. L. Labagh.....	80	450	92	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	93	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Flatbush, "
Flatbush.....	Thomas M. Strong.....	90	500	133	5	5	2	.....	.....	5	131	10	25	12	2	.....	.....	Flatbush, "
Flatlands.....	J. A. Baldwin.....	70	450	110	5	3	1	.....	.....	3	114	8	30	.....	2	90	70	Flatbush, "
New Lots.....	J. A. Baldwin.....	50	300	75	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	6	20	.....	1	50	40	Flatbush, "
Central Brooklyn.....	J. Broadhead.....	*135	.....	209	4	20	8	.....	.....	3	222	12	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	Brooklyn, "
East New York.....	M. V. Schoonmaker.....	56	300	62	8	1	4	.....	.....	1	66	10	40	30	1	70	60	East New York, L. I.
South Brooklyn.....	S. M. Woodbridge.....	61	.....	62	9	6	1	.....	.....	2	74	14	35	20	2	93	.....	Brooklyn, L. I.

Ministers without charge—Richard D. Van Kleeck, and Isaac P. Labagh, who is suspended from the ministry.

\* Last year's report.



## NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census			Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C			Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools		Total Number of Scholars.
Jamaica,.....	{ J. Schoonmaker,.....	210	1100	195	5	1	1	4	196	21	1	56	50	4	120	95	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,.....	{ G. J. Garretson, S. C.,...	95	500	125	3	7	1	1	133	17	..	50	15	5	110	90	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,.....	P. D. Oakley,.....	93	480	...	...	...	...	1	105	1	..	25	30	2	...	...	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,.....	J. H. Sheffield,.....	65	313	49	2	1	1	1	50	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh,.....	Wm. H. Van Doren,.....	100	503	129	2	9	4	1	135	9	1	105	23	1	166	95	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria,.....	A. H. Bishop,.....	73	...	55	5	...	1	...	59	10	..	...	...	1	35	60	Astoria, "
Flushing,.....	Wm. R. Gordon,.....	38	220	40	5	9	1	2	51	..	1	20	...	1	60	40	Flushing, "

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.
Poughkeepsie,.....	A. M. Mann, S. C.,.....	243	1500	.....	620	7	1	10	531	12	2	40	40	1	309	170	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Fishkill,.....	Francis M. Kip,.....	.....	.....	149	3	4	5	2	149	..	1	64	31	1	93	.....	Fishkill, " "
New Hackensack,.....	C. Van Cleef,.....	120	700	215	1	4	1	1	213	1	1	19	50	1	36	.....	New Hackensack, N. Y.
Hopewell,.....	A. Polhemus,.....	100	600	230	4	..	3	231	4	2	..	..	..	2	70	60	Adrianse, " "
Rhinebeck,.....	B. Hoff,.....	109	..	245	1	2	1	2	245	4	..	..	..	1	100	80	Rhinebeck, " "
Greenbush,.....	H. Vedder,.....	100	500	145	9	2	1	1	146	9	6	..	..	3	90	.....	Pine Plains, " "
Taghkanick,.....	.....	80	400	140	5	2	1	1	146	9	..	..	..	3	70	.....	" "
Hyde Park,.....	A. Elmendorf,.....	90	500	143	1	4	1	6	137	5	1	..	..	1	50	35	Hyde Park, " "
Fishkill Landing,.....	W. S. Heyer,.....	65	200	150	..	5	5	1	149	4	..	30	20	1	80	50	Fishkill Landing, " "
Glenham,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Glenham, " "

Ministers without charge—S. Van Vechten; B. R. Hall; Missionary, F. B. Thompson.

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C.				Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Communicants.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Harlingen, .....	J. Gardner, .....	140	700	259	10	17	5	..	3	278	21	1	85	....	5	320	260	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington, .....	J. Van Liew, .....	200	1000	275	6	..	4	..	2	275	30	1	90	....	6	250	200	Readington, "
New Shannock, .....	G. Ludlow, .....	200	1000	298	5	5	1	3	300	26	..	150	75	4	180	....	..	Flagtown, "
First church Philadelphia, .....	C. C. Van Arsdale, .....	220	1100	463	3	2	11	..	5	452	15	..	100	40	3	450	....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second " .....	" .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Third " .....	G. W. Bethune, .....	160	800	204	10	17	..	2	2	227	7	4	..	40	3	300	135	"
North & South Hampton, .....	A. O. Halsey, .....	145	700	..	3	3	7	3	3	330	20	2	..	2	7	300	..	Newtown, "
Blawenburgh, .....	J. R. Talmage, S. C., .....	90	550	191	3	1	8	..	1	186	6	..	45	50	4	160	145	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mount Pleasant, .....	J. R. Van Arsdale, .....	80	400	157	2	..	..	3	4	152	9	..	18	..	2	110	100	White House, "
Manayunk, .....	R. A. Quin, .....	36	100	75	7	1	4	1	2	77	2	..	30	30	1	230	180	Manayunk, "
Roxboro', .....		42	250	104	1	..	..	1	3	102	..	..	..	40	1	80	60	
Trenton, .....	Vacant, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Trenton, "

Ministers without charge—John Ludlow, D. D., Provost of University of Pa.; Peter Labagh, and Thos. A. Amerman; Licentiate, John V. N. Talmage.

# CLASSES OF HUDSON.

[illegible]

# CLASSES OF ILLINOIS.

[illegible]

# CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C.			Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schools		Number of Schol- ars.
Church of Albany.....	D. Kennedy,.....	265	1200	456	4	6	1	3	451	11	..	..	..	2	200	160	Albany.
Second ".....	L. N. Wyckoff, S. C.,.....	268	1277	592	5	12	22	7	553	27	..	110	63	1	170	145	"
Third... ".....	W. H. Campbell,.....	105	450	203	3	4	..	..	215	12	..	100	..	1	150	100	"
Bethlehem.....	R. Willis,.....	150	800	..	5	7	1	..	..	11	2	..	70	..	..	..	Cedar Hill.
Jerusalem,.....	{ S. Van Santvoord,.....	75	455	105	9	1	1	1	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	New Baltimore.
Onisquethlaw,.....		{ 65	443	118	..	..	1	1	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	"
Union,.....	S. V. E. Westfall,.....	137	635	247	3	4	..	2	254	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	Bethlehem.
New Baltimore,.....	{ J. A. H. Cornell,.....	60	350	56	2	2	2	2	54	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	New Baltimore.
Cocymans,.....		{ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Westerlo,.....	S. Robertson,.....	110	650	159	4	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	30	100	80	Westerlo.	
Salem,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Second church Bern,.....	".....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Knox,.....	".....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Minister without charge—Rev. Reuben Porter. Samuel Kissam, suspended from the ministry.

## CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub-Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Read On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	426	..	419	..	9	402	14	..	75	75	1	200	175	Schenectady.	
Amity,	W. W. Halloway,	34	343	117	4	1	2	2	119	11	..	15	15	2	60	---	Vischer's Ferry.	
Niskayuna,	H. A. Raymond,	135	786	230	1	4	1	1	233	3	..	25	25	4	120	---	Watervliet Centre.	
Princeton,	W. P. Davis,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	---	Dunsmville.	
First church Glenville,	W. Ingalls,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	---	Glenville.	
Second "	A. B. Crocker,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	---	Schenectady.	
First church Rotterdam,	C. S. Mead,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	---	Hoffman's Ferry.	
Second "	John Nott,	75	300	115	1	2	..	1	66	3	..	..	..	1	..	---	Schenectady.	
Helderburgh,	W. Bailey,	105	525	242	..	3	..	1	238	22	..	..	..	15	5	150	100	Guilderland Centre.
Day,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	---	Day, Saratoga.	

Ministers without charge—Rev. John A. Yates, D. D.; Thomas Romeyn; John B. Steele; Hugh M. Boyd; J. V. Vandervolgen;  
 Robert J. Blair; Abraham I. Swils, *Stated Clerk*, Schenectady.

## CLASSIS OF RENESSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.		Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bloominggrove,.....	P. S. Wynkoop,.....	56	265	65	2	2	..	..	65	..	1	..	..	..	..	Defriestville.	
Chatham,.....	E. S. Porter,.....	75	406	41	2	10	2	..	1	50	..	..	..	..	65	80	Chatham Four Corners.
First church Ghent,.....	J. De Witt,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ghent.
Second ".....	G. R. Williamson,.....	60	300	109	2	8	1	..	..	118	12	..	..	..	60	..	Stockport.
Kinderhook,.....	B. Van Zandt,.....	200	1000	308	1	8	10	..	4	304	17	..	..	..	6	250	Kinderhook.
Nassau,.....	Edwin Holmes,.....	160	800	252	4	4	2	..	4	254	6	..	..	..	1	..	Nassau.
Greenbush,.....	E. P. Stimpson,.....	250	1300	321	..	3	1	3	3	317	7	..	..	..	6	200	East Greenbush.
Schodack,.....	John Gray,.....	250	..	260	7	7	..	..	1	274	9	2	..	..	150	..	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,.....	Vacant,.....	90	450	107	2	..	11	1	1	96	11	..	..	..	1	80	Stuyvesant.

Ministers without charge—Rev. Henry Heernance; A. N. Kittle, Stated Clerk.



## CLASSIS OF SCHOLARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schol- ars.		Average Number of Scholars.	
Scholarie,.....	R. Wells,.....	90	650	110	4	4	2	1	115	4	4	30	30	1	45	30	Scholarie C. H.
First church Bern,.....	Wm. Demarest,.....	56	252	121	3	3	3	3	72	1	1	30	30	1	1	65	
Beaverdam,.....	Jacob West,.....	55	260	121	11	4	2	2	105	2	2	20	20	1	1	40	Middleburgh.
Middleburgh,.....	L. H. Van Dyck,.....	80	450	111	11	3	3	3	103	1	1	16	16	2	2	95	Gilboa.
Gilboa,.....	Geo. Kerr,.....	90	540	102	3	3	3	3	103	1	1	16	16	2	2	80	Conesville.
Conesville,.....	Vacant,.....	41	58	58	105	36	36	36	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	Lawyersville.
New Rhinebeck,.....	".....	80	300	105	36	36	36	36	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	Gardnersville.
Cobleskill,.....	".....	148	238	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	Gallupville.
Sharon,.....	".....	22	238	98	1	1	1	1	66	1	1	25	25	1	1	35	
Breakabin,.....	".....	45	350	98	1	1	1	1	100	4	4	25	25	20	20	90	
Gallupville,.....	E. S. Hammond,.....	45	350	98	1	1	1	1	100	4	4	25	25	20	20	90	

Ministers without charge—Elihu Doty, Missionary to China; C. Bogardus; Ambrose Eggleston; Paul Weidman, and  
A. B. Chittenden, Stated Clerk.

## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Auricsville.	Vacant,.....	50	250	38	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	Auricsville.
Canajoharie,.....	Jas. McFarlane,.....	134	900	80	113	6	..	..	109	7	..	..	20	1	90	Canajoharie.
Currystown,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Root.
Caughnawaga,.....	D. Van Olinda,.....	163	804	112	1	5	4	5	114	..	..	3	..	..	..	Fonda.
Ephrata,.....	Charles Jukes,.....	65	325	68	4	5	1	..	76	7	..	30	..	1	45	Fort Plain.
Fort Plain,.....	C. G. McLean,.....	90	450	133	11	4	7	..	130	4	..	..	..	1	219	Columbia.
Columbia,.....	Vacant,.....	130	600	100	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	Fultonville.
Fultonville,.....	J. M. Van Buren, S. C.,.....	120	600	57	3	5	..	..	65	3	1	..	..	1	70	Fultonville.
Frankfort,.....	J. L. Starks,.....	50	150	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Glen.
Glen,.....	Vacant,.....	55	262	55	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	Herkimer.
Herkimer,.....	James Murphy,.....	200	1200	390	1	2	4	1	384	3	1	55	..	200	..	Minaville.
Florida,.....	Jas. Stevenson,.....	107	730	213	..	..	7	2	191	8	..	..	..	..	55	Mohawk.
Mohawk,.....	J. L. Starks,.....	100	300	24	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mohawk.
Mauchean,.....	Vacant,.....	30	400	90	..	..	..	..	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mariaville.
Mariaville,.....	James Donald,.....	50	200	54	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	St. Johnsville.
St. Johnsville,.....	J. Kneiskern,.....	125	620	240	1	..	4	1	183	8	1	..	..	2	..	Stone Arabia.
Stone Arabia,.....	Charles Jukes,.....	150	750	241	2	11	..	3	230	19	..	27	..	1	..	Herkimer.
German Flats,.....	John P. <del>Spencer</del> ,.....	150	700	113	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Canajoharie.
Mapletown,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Canajoharie.

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## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd		Dismissed	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schools		Average Number of Scholars.	
					On Confession	On Certificate												
Bloomingdale,.....	Thos. C. Strong,.....	85	430	....	1	3	5	..	86	6	..	..	..	..	1	71	69	Rosendale.
Caatsbaan,.....	H. Ostrander, .....	100	....	90	13	..	2	..	96	12	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	Saugerties.
Clove,.....	Vacant,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,.....	".....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,.....	Abraham Fort,.....	140	720	292	1	2	6	..	3	287	16	1	..	..	4	..	..	Esopus.
Flatbush,.....	J. Watson,.....	100	525	185	..	1	1	3	..	10	..	..	30	..	4	100	..	Saugerties.
Guilford,.....	Wm. Brush,.....	150	....	100	5	2	5	..	2	100	21	1	50	40	5	150	..	Tutill Town.
Hurley,.....	J. C. Cruikshank,.....	100	520	110	1	4	1	..	4	110	2	..	30	..	1	60	50	Hurley.
Kingston,.....	J. C. F. Hoes,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	489	17	..	90	..	2	230	170	Kingston.
Marbletown,.....	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.,...	200	1200	143	2	5	4	..	4	142	7	..	60	25	3	..	..	Marbletown.
New Paltz,.....	J. C. Vandervoort,.....	200	1175	216	15	5	6	..	7	223	15	..	113	..	6	230	..	New Paltz.
Plattekill,.....	M. L. Schenck,.....	125	697	124	4	8	..	..	3	134	14	..	35	..	1	56	..	Saugerties.
Rosendale,.....	T. C. Strong,.....	50	310	....	2	2	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	1	21	21	Rosendale.
Saugerties,.....	C. Van Santvoord, .....	120	700	185	4	8	11	..	2	184	9	1	..	..	1	100	..	Saugerties.
Shokan,.....	S. Harlow,.....	80	350	95	2	1	..	..	2	96	3	..	25	..	2	40	..	Shokan.
Woodstock,.....	Vacant,.....	104	611	181	6	..	8	..	3	175	15	..	..	..	1	30	..	Woodstock.
Rochester,.....	C. Wyckoff,.....	300	1500	167	22	1	3	2	2	185	19	4	72	104	5	175	103	Accord.

Minister without charge—Rev. N. Bogardus.

## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.					Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.		
Northumberland,	H. Slason,	70	255	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	116	.....	.....	.....	15	90	75	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	C. H. Chester,	70	255	104	.....	3	7	.....	.....	3	97	.....	35	.....	15	35	20	Schnylerville.
Gausevoort,	John Dubois,	30	200	51	.....	1	6	.....	.....	1	57	.....	.....	.....	2	70	.....	Gausevoort.
Union Village,	Henry Morris,	95	350	161	.....	3	.....	1	.....	1	161	.....	60	80	1	70	60	Union Village.
Easton,	D. A. Jones,	38	100	62	.....	4	3	.....	.....	1	63	10	.....	12	1	30	20	North Easton.
Tiostock,	Vacant,	52	212	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	1	.....	.....	1	20	15	Baskirk's Bridge.
Jackson,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.,	44	220	86	.....	1	3	.....	.....	1	83	4	.....	20	1	25	.....	Batteenville.
Schaghticoke,	Vacant,	40	200	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stillwater.
Fort Miller,	"	60	200	99	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	87	.....	.....	.....	1	40	.....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. Birkby; J. Parry; A. H. Myers; J. F. Schernerhorn; J. H. Ackerson.

## CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Average Number of Scholars.
Arcadia,.....	W. E. Turner,.....	56	---	60	2	1	---	---	---	63	2	---	---	20	2	---	Newark.
Caroline,.....	Cornelius Gates,.....	70	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Slaterville.
Cato,.....	R. W. Knight,.....	50	250	81	---	2	---	4	79	4	---	23	24	1	60	---	Cato.
Chittenango,.....	James Abell,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Chittenango.
Canistota,.....	F. T. Drake,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Canistota.
Cicero,.....	Vacant,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Cicero.
Farmersville,.....	B. Bassler, S. C.,.....	100	509	94	15	1	1	3	106	3	8	---	23	1	100	---	Farmers.
Geneva,.....	G. Abceel,.....	95	---	160	5	5	7	1	162	16	---	50	40	2	109	---	Geneva.
Gorham,.....	A. Lloyd,.....	40	150	40	3	3	3	---	43	---	---	---	18	1	---	43	Reed's Corners.
Ithaca,.....	J. V. Henry,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Ithaca.
Jamesville,.....	Vacant,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Jamesville.
Lodi,.....	J. A. Liddell,.....	240	850	236	9	7	4	4	242	17	2	---	---	5	---	246	Lodi.
Lysander,.....	R. W. Knight,.....	30	150	---	---	---	---	---	---	33	5	37	---	---	---	---	Lysander.
Mt. Morris,.....	Vacant,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	River Road Forks.
Owasco,.....	Wm. Evans,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Owasco.
Sandbeach,.....	A. B. Winfield,.....	59	296	---	8	---	3	1	1	70	3	3	75	40	1	50	Auburn.
Tyre,.....	Wm. Gray,.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	55	2	---	16	---	1	34	Seneca Falls.
Utica,.....	C. Wiley,.....	180	680	224	5	10	9	---	---	230	14	---	---	---	1	80	Utica.

Ministers without charge—Rev. G. Mandeville; H. Mandeville; A. Hoffman; E. Nevius; J. M. Scribner; J. Beattie, and J. Hammond.

## CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Berea, .....	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C., .....	90	450	108	7	6	6	..	3	115	11	..	60	60	2	60	40	St. Andrews.
Montgomery, .....	R. P. Lee, .....	240	..	435	4	..	8	..	10	421	28	..	137	138	3	..	..	Montgomery.
Shawangunk, .....	J. B. Allger, .....	220	..	195	5	4	..	..	1	203	15	1	40	..	4	175	..	Shawangunk.
New Prospect, .....	J. T. Demarest, .....	90	..	..	5	4	3	..	2	..	7	2	..	25	..	..	..	Usterville.
Deer Park, .....	G. P. Van Wyck, .....	140	..	134	2	1	..	..	2	155	5	2	..	25	4	140	..	Port Jarvis.
Newburgh, .....	A. B. Van Zandt, .....	90	..	102	2	9	2	..	1	110	8	1	..	..	..	70	..	Newburgh.
Minisink, .....	J. Bookstaver, .....	150	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	124	1	..	..	10	3	100	..	Montague.
New Hurley, .....	E. Slingerland, .....	130	1080	82	..	1	..	..	2	81	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	Medina.
Walden, .....	E. Whitehead, .....	75	350	104	6	11	6	..	2	113	11	1	60	30	1	100	75	Walden.
Walpack, .....	R. Pitts, .....	158	1050	158	5	1	1	..	1	162	23	..	..	2	130	100	..	Hornbeck.
Bloomingburgh, .....	S. W. Mills, .....	145	..	..	..	1	7	9	4	2	..	9	..	40	1	75	..	Bloomingburgh.
Ellenville, .....	S. B. Ayres, .....	95	425	83	6	6	3	..	2	90	2	2	..	..	4	..	..	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh, .....	J. G. Duryce, .....	100	450	127	10	4	..	1	4	137	8	7	..	11	4	105	75	South Woodbourne.
Wawasiuk, .....	J. Demarest, .....	220	1100	168	6	..	..	..	1	138	..	..	70	99	..	203	138	Napanoch.
Grahamville, .....	T. B. Gregory, .....	48	240	73	16	..	..	..	..	89	10	9	20	..	4	70	64	Grahamville.
Wurtsborough, .....	Vacant, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wurtsborough.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. H. Bevier; Wm. Cruikshank; Wm. Youngblood, Foreign Missionary.

## CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Athens,.....	W. A. Cornell, S. C.,.....	90	450	139	2	1	7	1	1	134	4	..	25	...	1	50	...	Athens.	
Catskill,.....	David Murdock,.....	190	600	...	8	7	6	2	..	170	15	..	...	...	..	..	...	Catskill.	
First church Coxsackie, ..	J. Searle,.....	180	950	325	17	5	5	..	8	334	21	6	...	...	3	170	...	Coxsackie.	
Second ".....	Wm. Cahoon,.....	80	400	128	3	1	..	..	1	131	9	..	...	...	1	80	65	Coxsackie Landing.	
Kiskatom,.....	Wm. Lyall,.....	62	500	110	1	1	..	..	..	112	6	..	30	30	1	80	50	Kiskatom.	
Leeds,.....	W. R. S. Betts,.....	...	...	122	6	5	2	..	1	130	3	1	...	50	2	80	...	Leeds.	
Prattsville,.....	E. De Puy,.....	150	700	128	1	6	4	..	..	131	8	..	...	...	1	50	...	Prattsville.	
Roxbury,.....	Vacant,.....	35	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	41	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	
Moresville,.....	".....	24	...	...	3	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	...	...	1	30	...	Moresville.	

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## CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Coboes,	G. McP. Myers,	50	250	61	2	6	3	2	1	63	1	1	---	1	50	35	Coboes.	
Waterford,	John Whitbeck,	58	200	109	..	1	2	..	3	105	3	..	20	35	1	45	40	Waterford.
West Troy,	O. H. Gregory,	95	500	299	7	5	2	4	295	3	..	..	22	1	30	104	West Troy.	
South West Troy,	T. F. Wyckoff, S. C.,	48	200	43	6	7	..	54	54	1	3	..	---	1	70	65	"	
Wynantskill,	J. A. Lansing,	70	230	60	4	..	2	1	..	62	2	..	30	2	100	70	Wynantskill.	
Boght,	Wm. Pitcher,	33	440	106	5	..	4	..	3	104	6	..	30	25	2	80	60	Coboes.



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CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.						POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Grand Rapids,.....	A. B. Taylor,.....	14	70	31	1	1	1	1	1	32	2	..	..	10	2	80	..	Grand Rapids.	
Centreville,.....	D. McNeish, S. C.,.....	18	90	22	2	3	2	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	} Centreville.	
Constantine,.....		40	200	17	6	6	..	..	1	28	..	1	..	..	..	..	..		
Ridgeway,.....	John Minor,.....	25	150	24	..	6	..	..	..	30	7	..	..	20	..	..	..	Ridgeway.	
Alegan,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alegan.	

Minister without charge—Rev. John G. Tarbell.

## Summary View of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for the Year 1846.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregations.	Received.		Total of Communicants.	Baptized.		Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
							On Confession.	On Certification.		Infants.	Adults.					
New York,	20	26	..	..	1686	7185	75	194	3498	256	8	601	387	18	1959	Rev. N. I. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of New York,...	7	7	..	..	694	3770	80	76	1590	133	13	601	198	7	1175	" S. H. Meeker.
New Brunswick,	17	27	1	..	1312	5840	76	73	1784	229	16	631	197	34	994	" A. A. Marsellus.
Bergen,...	11	12	1	..	1214	5882	48	54	1333	128	2	640	427	11	1037	" J. Garretson.
Passaic,	9	9	..	..	904	4062	19	13	799	74	...	226	60	16	535	" J. A. Staats.
Paramus,...	13	11	..	..	1106	5431	33	23	1314	120	6	393	73	8	325	" C. S. Hageman.
South Classis of Long Island,...	9	9	..	..	777	3275	35	57	909	77	18	230	102	14	590	" R. O. Currie.
North Classis of Long Island,...	7	7	..	..	674	3113	22	27	729	62	4	256	118	12	541	" G. J. Garretson.
Philadelphia,...	12	12	1	..	1313	6600	50	47	2379	136	8	518	277	36	2380	" J. R. Talmage.
Poughkeepsie,...	10	11	..	..	907	4400	30	43	1906	45	7	153	141	14	898	" A. M. Mann.
Hudson,...	7	6	..	..	520	2555	9	14	989	43	1	68	120	10	410	" Ira C. Boice.
Illinois,...	7	4	..	..	160	635	...	5	89	16	...	74	65	6	284	" A. D. Wilson.
Albany,...	13	10	..	..	1235	6310	35	34	1527	104	3	210	164	6	620	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster,...	17	14	..	..	1854	8738	78	42	2347	166	7	450	224	39	1313	" C. L. Van Dyck.
Rensselaer,...	9	10	..	..	1141	4515	18	42	1478	62	3	...	...	17	805	" A. N. Kittle.
Washington,...	9	11	..	..	499	1992	6	16	747	36	1	115	112	10	380	" J. H. Pitcher.
Montgomery,...	19	11	..	..	1874	9241	25	35	1839	59	3	112	20	10	679	" J. M. Van Buren.
Schoharie,...	11	11	..	..	559	3090	8	9	818	25	...	55	86	7	385	" A. B. Chittenden.
Schenectady,...	10	16	..	..	599	3154	5	10	1103	58	...	112	115	13	530	" A. J. Switz.
Cayuga,...	18	21	..	..	920	3185	47	29	1083	66	13	201	165	15	260	" B. Bassler.
Orange,...	16	18	..	..	2041	5145	75	55	1938	146	25	387	438	32	1158	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
Greene,...	9	7	..	..	811	3600	41	26	1207	66	7	55	80	10	570	" W. A. Cornell.
Watervliet,...	6	6	..	..	404	1870	17	21	683	16	4	50	112	8	375	" T. F. Wyckoff.
Michigan,...	5	4	..	..	97	510	9	16	115	9	1	...	30	3	100	" D. McNeish.
Total,...	271	280	327	961	23301	104098	841	961	35209	2132	150	6138	3711	356	18303	

## ARTICLE VII.

## SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, beg leave to report to Synod, that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, and find the following references to appeals to this body.

On page 21st, they find the following record of a reference case, from the Classis of Bergen :

*“Resolved, unanimously,* That the Classis would respectfully suggest to General Synod, the consideration of the desirableness and expediency of dissolving the connection formed between the German Reformed and Dutch Reformed Churches.”

On the same page, they find the following resolution from the Classis of Poughkeepsie :

*“Resolved,* That the Classis request General Synod to collect and publish, in pamphlet form, accompanying the next Minutes of General Synod, all those rules which bear upon the action of the several Classes.”

On the same page, they find the following resolution from the Classis of New Brunswick, referred to General Synod :

*“Resolved,* That General Synod be respectfully requested to take measures to have an Index to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, prepared, and published in form, to be pasted inside of the cover of the volume now in use.”

On the same page, they find the following resolutions from the Classis of Passaic :

*“Resolved,* That it be referred to General Synod, to pass some rule, directing in what cases it is proper for a Consistory to erase the names of persons from their list of church members.

*“Resolved,* That it be referred to General Synod, to make it obligatory upon Consistories desiring aid from the Board of Domestic Missions, first to obtain a recommendation from the Classis, before appropriations be made by the Board.”

On page 22d, is a resolution of the same Classis, to the following effect :

*“Resolved,* That the report of the committee on the case of those who absent themselves from the ordinances of the Church, and the resolution appended, be referred to General Synod.”

On the same page, they find the following resolution from the Classis of New York :

*“Resolved,* That Mr. Shephard and Mr. William Anderson, be recommended to General Synod, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund, or other funds at the disposal of that body.

*“Also, Resolved,* That the case of Mr. Neander, with all the

above information in relation thereto, be referred to General Synod, with the request, that Synod will grant a dispensation in favor of Mr. Neander, so as to allow the Classis to ordain him to the work of the ministry, provided, that upon a full examination, he be found qualified for the work."

On the same page, they find an appeal taken by Mr. John R. Berdan, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York, to the next General Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, they find the following matters, claiming the attention of this General Synod.

On page 7th, is the following record :

"Whereas several Classes within the bounds of this Synod have objected to the resolutions found on page 469, of the Minutes of General Synod, and whereas, the constitutionality of these resolutions has been questioned by some, therefore

*"Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to General Synod to reconsider the same."

On page 8th, they find the following resolutions of reference from the Particular Synod of Albany :

*"Resolved*, That the application of the Classis of Orange, for a change of their relation from the Particular Synod of Albany, to that of New York ; and the reasons for that application assigned by the Classis, be referred to General Synod, with the recommendation that the said application be granted, provided that the Classis of Hudson, with the consent of the Particular Synod of New York, be transferred to the Particular Synod of Albany."

Also the following resolution, touching the resolutions of General Synod, was adopted :

*"Resolved*, That while we hold ourselves amenable for our acts to Synod, yet in our judgment no previous resolution of General Synod can render null and void an act of Classis constitutionally performed ; which resolution is referred to the General Synod."

On page 32d, they find the following preamble and resolution :

*"Whereas*, This Synod has appointed delegates to attend the World's Convention, to be held in the city of London in August next ; and *Whereas*, said convention is regarded as one of the greatest religious movements of the age ; therefore, be it

*"Resolved*, That the General Synod be urged to recommend to our churches, the holding of simultaneous meetings, soliciting the blessing of God upon the convention, in its deliberations."

G. ABEEL, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to suitable persons recommended to receive aid from the funds of this Synod, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the connexion of the Synod now existing with the German Reformed Church, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the collection and publication of the rules of General Synod, which bear upon the action of the several Classes, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the preparing an Index to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of missions, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the appeal of Mr. John R. Berdan, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the resolutions on page 469 of the Minutes of last General Synod, in relation to licentiates and ministers of other churches not in correspondence with our Church, be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. John Garretson, S. Robertson, C. D. Westbrook, D. D., and the Elders, William Mandeville and Peter A. Voorhees.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the application of the Classis of Orange to be transferred to the Particular Synod of New York, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the recommending to our churches the holding of simultaneous meetings, soliciting the blessing of God upon the deliberations of the World's Convention, to be held in the city of London, in August next, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. J. M. Mathews, D. D., J. A. Baldwin, and the Elder G. R. Pinney.

The committee reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Particular Synod of Albany, urging the attention of General Synod to the proposed Evangelical Alliance, to be held in London in August next, report :

The union of Christians, is among the great objects for which “prayer is continually to be made.” Our Lord has set us the example, in the petition uttered on an occasion which shows how near it lay to his heart ;—“that they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee ; that they also may be one in us ; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” As these words of our Master, might lead us to expect, it cannot be denied, that the conversion of the world to the faith of the gospel is greatly impeded by existing divisions among His followers ; and any project, or any step, which may have a tendency to remove this stum-

bling-block, and thus prepare the way for His coming, should be met and hailed, with gratitude and hope.

How far the proposed Evangelical Alliance will promote this great end, time will show.

In view of the whole case, the committee recommend the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That this Synod contemplate with great interest the proposed Evangelical Alliance, to be held in London in August next, as a measure, which, if conducted with wisdom and crowned with the divine blessing, may tend to bind together in closer union all the great branches of Protestant Christendom.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. MATHEWS, *Chairman*.

*Albany, 10th June, 1846.*

In reply to the request of the Classis of Passaic, that the General Synod would pass some rule, directing in what cases it is proper for a Consistory to erase the names of persons from their list of church members—

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Constitution determines the only way in which an individual can loose his ecclesiastical connection, the Classis be referred to that for information.

A complaint made by Rev. D. Van Olinda, against the Classis of Montgomery was presented, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business. A copy of the Minutes of the Classis in the case, was referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report to the Synod, on the several subjects referred to them, as follows :—

1st. On the complaint of Rev. Douw Van Olinda, against the decision of the Classis of Montgomery, declaring the Rev. J. M. Van Buren, a member of said Classis, incompetent to sit and act as a member of said Classis, pending the trial of certain complaints preferred by Dr. Elias P. Phelps, against the Rev. Charles G. McLean, D. D.

The committee are of opinion that said complaint is in constitutional form to be brought before the Synod, and recommend that it be entertained by Synod in the order usual in such cases.

2d. The committee have examined the documents in the case of John R. Berdan, and find that the case is regularly brought before Synod, by an appeal from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York, in May last. The papers will be presented in the order of proceeding heretofore established by the General Synod.

3d. The overture from the Classis of Orange, requesting the General Synod to transfer said Classis from the Particular Synod

of Albany to the Particular Synod of New York, is accompanied by a recommendation of said Synod of Albany, in favor of granting said transfer, provided the Classis of Hudson, with the consent of the Particular Synod of New York, be transferred to the Particular Synod of Albany.

It does not appear, however, that the Classis of Hudson, or the Particular Synod of New York, have yet had the subjects before them.

The committee deem the reasons of the Classis of Orange worthy of consideration, and but for the absence of the views of the Classis of Hudson, might urge the granting of the request for the transfer.

In view, however, of the whole case, the committee recommend the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the future consideration of this application be postponed until the next General Synod, with a view to afford the Classis of Hudson and Particular Synod of New York time to take and transmit to General Synod their action on the case—and said bodies be requested to attend to this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the complaint of the Rev. Douw Van Olinda, against the decision of the Classis of Montgomery, declaring the Rev. John M. Van Buren incompetent to sit and act as a member of said Classis pending the trial of certain complaints preferred against the Rev. Charles G. McLean, D. D.

The President made the usual announcement, that the Synod were about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business.

Synod considered the complaint in the following order:—

1. The complaint was read.
2. The documents in the case were read.
3. The Rev. D. Van Olinda was heard in support of his complaint.
4. The Rev. James McFarlane and J. L. Stark, members of the Classis of Montgomery, on the floor of Synod, were heard in support of the decision of the Classis.
5. The complainant was heard in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called, and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded.

*Resolved*, That the complaint be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

Synod took up the appeal of Mr. John R. Berdan from the decision of the Particular Synod of New York, not sustaining his appeal to the Classis of Paramus, from a decision of the Consistory of the Second Church of Totowa, suspending him from the communion of the Church.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., was accredited as counsel for Mr. Berdan.

The Rev. Anthony Elmendorf was accredited as a commissioner from the Particular Synod of New York.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal in the following order :

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.
3. The documents in the case were read.
4. The appellant was heard by his counsel, Rev. Dr. Taylor.
5. The Rev. A. Elmendorf, commissioner from the Particular Synod of New York, was heard in relation to the grounds of their decision in the case.
6. The counsel of the appellant was heard in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded—

*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, excluding those who had voted in the case, either in the Classis or in the Particular Synod of New York, it was decided in the *negative*.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following resolution, submitted by the Committee on the State of Religion, was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be advised to the utmost strictness, in requiring ministers not declared *emeriti*, or disabled by infirmity, or conscientiously engaged in the education of youth, diligently to exercise their sacred functions; and to command those, who, without good reason, have engaged in worldly business, if any such there be, that they return to their duty, under penalty of the discipline enjoined by the Church for such offences.

The committee to whom were referred the references from the Particular Synod of Albany, and from the Classis of Philadelphia, in relation to certain resolutions passed at the last General Synod,



(see p. 469,) on the subject of receiving ministers and licentiates from other denominations with whom the Synod are not in correspondence, and also the application by the Classis of Ulster, for a dispensation in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Gulick, reported, and their reported was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred the references of the Particular Synod of Albany, and of the Classis of Philadelphia, requesting the General Synod to reconsider, repeal or modify the resolutions as found on page 469 of the Minutes of the last General Synod, in relation to licentiates and ministers of other churches, not in correspondence with our Church; and to whom was also referred an application, made to this Synod by the Classis of Ulster, for a dispensation made in behalf of Rev. Mr. Gulick, in compliance with the requisitions of said resolutions, beg leave to report: That in the opinion of your Committee, existing regulations, as contained in the Acts of the Synod of 1840, upon the subject of the introduction of candidates and ministers from other denominations, secure to the Church every desirable and necessary guard against the introduction of error, and of persons incompetent to discharge the duties of the ministry.

Those resolutions fully provide for obtaining perfectly satisfactory evidence, either by documents or examination, of literary qualifications, theological attainments, piety, soundness in the faith, and ability to teach. Said enactments of the Synod of 1840, also prevent any undue advantage being taken of the terms of admission required of our own students at New Brunswick, by candidates or ministers, applying for admission into any Classis. In those enactments, the requirement as to the time to be spent in attendance on theological instruction, gives sufficient security on that point. Steps are also pointed out in those resolutions, by which our candidates are to be brought before our vacant churches. *Due* provision to prevent disorganizing influences from being brought to bear upon vacant congregations, and in a word, to obtain a full and thorough knowledge of any applicant from other bodies, in every point of view, is made in the resolutions of 1840. More than this your committee do not think is designed or desired to be secured by the resolutions of the Synod of 1845, as found on page 469.

Moreover, your Committee consider that the ground taken by several Classes, that the resolutions of 1845 conflict with several articles of the Constitution, is correct.

In view of these facts, your Committee would recommend the following resolution, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the resolutions on the subject of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations, as found on page 469 of the Minutes of the Synod of 1845, be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

With regard to the application from the Classis of Ulster in

behalf of Rev. Mr. Gulick of the Presbyterian Church, who has received a call from the church of Woodstock, and who brought before Classis credentials of having studied three years in the Union Theological Seminary of New York, not known to be a Seminary of a Church in correspondence with our own, your committee would submit, that should this Synod adopt the above recommendations, any action on this application will be rendered unnecessary, inasmuch as the case of Mr. Gulick will then be brought under the regulations of 1840, to which the Classis is referred.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARRETSON, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom the reports of the several Classes on the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the last General Synod, (*see pp.* 468, 469,) were referred, reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of the different Classes respecting the following amendment to the Constitution—Chap. I., Art. 1, Sec. 5, to be added at the close—"which it shall be competent for Classis to recal for good cause,"—beg leave to state ; that reports have come before them from the following Classes, viz., New York, South Classis of New York, South Classis of Long Island, North Classis of Long Island, Bergen, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia, Rensselaer, Washington, Montgomery, Watervliet, Schoharie, Schenectady and Ulster. Of the above Classes, nine report in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution ; six against any change. It appears, therefore, that as there are twenty-four Classes in the Church, a majority have not consented to the proposed alteration.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARRETSON,  
CORNELIUS VAN CLEEF.

## ARTICLE X.

### DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

## SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Seventh Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A statement of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, in reference to his receipts from the churches, was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Whereas it has been stated to this Synod, that works have been introduced into the School District Libraries of this State which are subversive of pure and sound Christianity,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Education, to consider and report to Synod whether any, and if any, what measure or measures should be adopted by this Synod for guarding our youth against the danger of having their minds corrupted from the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Schools and Christian Education, having examined the papers committed to them, beg leave to present the following report :

1st. *Respecting the Board of Education*, and the subjects embraced in their communications to Synod. It appears that the Board have under their care eighteen Beneficiaries, supported in part from endowed scholarships, and in part from collections made in a few of our churches. The whole sum derived from this latter source is only \$532, and 257 out of our 274 churches have done nothing in behalf of this important object. It may also be added, that more than one-half of the contributions for the year has come from the churches of one Classis, and that many of the delinquent churches are among the most wealthy in our whole denomination.

This scantiness of contribution cripples the action of the Board, and has obliged them either to dismiss some of their Beneficiaries, or to leave their tuition fees unpaid. The Board has embraced the latter alternative as the least evil of the two, while it must be admitted that the necessity of embracing either, is a deep reproach to the cause.

There is abundance of wealth and also of liberality in our churches, to give ample support to the education of her ministry. But they greatly need to have an increased interest respecting the matter awakened in their minds; and it well becomes the Synod carefully to consider how so important an end can be most effectually gained. Your committee are unanimously of opinion that it would have a most propitious influence, if the Classes, when they recommend candidates to share in the benefactions of the Church, would raise the standards of requirement as to both talents and piety; so as to present to the churches for their support, such only as may promise to become efficient and faithful ministers of the Gospel. Your committee also think that a careful and continued inspection of the progress and character of Beneficiaries, should be maintained throughout their whole course of education; and that while great care should be exercised before they are received, they should also be dropped at any stage of their progress, when they are found falling short of the high standard required of them.

Should a course like this be adopted, the interest and sympathies of our churches might be more extensively awakened, and they might be expected to do something more worthy of themselves in the great duty of "sending forth laborers into the harvest." "The field is the world," and amply supplied as our churches are with a ministry for themselves, they are bound by every consideration of gratitude and duty, to take a full share in the service of training up and sending abroad able and faithful men to labor in "the waste places of the earth." Unless they come up to the measure of their duty in this thing, their own candlestick may wax dim, if it be not "removed out of its place;" and their children, and children's children, may taste the bitter fruits resulting from the supineness and neglect of their fathers.

The Board of Education have expressed their desire that the Synod would take some measures on this subject; and your committee have embraced the substance of their suggestions in the following resolutions, which they submit for the consideration of Synod:

1st. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be and hereby are solemnly and earnestly urged to exercise great care in their examination of proposed Beneficiaries; and that they be and hereby are enjoined to require clear evidence, not only of piety and of prudence, but of a high and suitable order of talent.

2d. *Resolved*, That when applicants are thus recommended to the Board of Education, the Board shall also subject them to a still further examination, and shall keep a careful minute of the result, and no applicant shall be received as a Beneficiary until both examinations shall have been satisfactorily sustained.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Professors both in the College and the Theological Seminary, be requested to act as special guardians over the Beneficiaries while pursuing their studies, and to forward, at the close of each session, a statement of their attainments and

deportment, not only to the Board of Education, but also to the several Classes by whom they have been respectively recommended.

4th. *Resolved*, That if at any period of his education, a Beneficiary shall be found falling short of the proposed standard of requirement, it shall be the duty of the Board to withdraw their support, and leave him to his own resources, or his own option as to the further prosecution of his studies; and in case such withdrawal shall have been rendered necessary by wilful neglect of duty or misconduct, repayment of what he shall have received shall be required.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes transmit to the Stated Clerk of General Synod authenticated extracts from the Minutes of the Classes recommending young men as Beneficiaries, and that the Synod no longer publish their names.

The Committee also report :

2d. *Respecting the Board of the Sunday School Union*. They find that there have been nine schools added to the Union during the last year, making in all 109 now under its care. The receipts into the Treasury have been \$1,040 37; the disbursements have been \$796 81, and the debt is now reduced to \$121 17. The schools are represented as generally in a flourishing condition. This augurs well for the future prosperity of our churches. It is the peculiar office of the Sunday-school to sow broadcast throughout the land, the seed of the word, from which we are to expect thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. They take up the education of our youth where the common school leaves it; and while we rejoice to see the Bible read and acknowledged in the one, it is in the other that we must look to find our children instructed in the truths of the holy volume as they are received by our Church, and held forth in our standards.

3d. *On the subject of the School District Libraries* in this State, which has been referred to the Committee, they have made inquiries which have satisfied them that an evil exists in the system of selecting books, as now conducted, and which calls for the notice and vigilance of the churches. While the Synod should be careful not to interfere with the business of the State, as guardians of Christian education, we ought to observe, that under the existing regulations, works have been introduced into the District Libraries teaching the doctrine of universal salvation, and other sentiments equally at war with the Holy Scriptures. In these circumstances, it becomes the urgent duty of ministers and churches in this State, to be carefully on their guard as to the books which may in this way pass into the hands of the young. A poison may infect their unsuspecting and inexperienced minds, which it may be difficult, if not impracticable, to eradicate in after life.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. MATHEWS, *Chairman*.

*Albany, June 11th, 1846.*

*Resolved*, That the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union be empowered to make a respectful representation of the views of this body on the subject of District Libraries, to the Superintendent of Common Schools of the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Sabbath-school Union be affectionately and particularly commended to all our churches, for a collection to aid the Board in the prosecution of their work.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. John Knox, D. D., and Messrs. John D. Keese and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., William H. Campbell, D. D., R. Ormiston Currie, Frederick F. Cornell, Abraham Messler, D. D., Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., Robert P. Lee, Jun.; and Messrs. James Forrester, Peter Duryea, Bauman Lowe and Jacob Brouwer.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the names of Beneficiaries shall not be published on the Minutes of the Particular or General Synods, and that the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes, whenever young men are recommended for aid, send a properly certified copy of such action directly to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College was received, accompanied with the Librarian's Report to the President of the College, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, at their meeting in the City of Albany, in June, 1846.*

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, respectfully present to General Synod this their annual report. The following communication, made to them by the President of the College,

gives so succinct and clear a view of its condition, that they have adopted it as a part of their report :—

*To the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College :*

I have the satisfaction to state, that since my last annual report an arrangement has been made by which the *Evidences of Christianity* are now, and will be hereafter taught as a regular branch of the College course of study. *Moral Philosophy*, heretofore under the charge of Professor Van Vrankin, who has now assumed instruction in the *Evidences of Christianity*, has been assigned temporarily to the President. To enable him to attend to this duty, it became necessary to omit from the course of instruction prescribed to him by the College statutes, the subject of *Political Economy*. The substitution of *Moral Philosophy* for this latter branch, was made under the advice of your Board, and with the full approbation of the Faculty. It is hoped the government of the College will constantly keep in view both these important branches of learning, and at the first opportunity, place them upon a more permanent footing.

The Board of Trustees, during the last winter, upon the recommendation of the Faculty, divided the duties of instruction in the ancient languages between the gentlemen then in charge of that branch, and appointed Professor Proudfit to the Professorship of the Greek Language and Literature, and Mr. Crosby, heretofore Adjunct Professor, to the like full grade in the Latin department. Besides the advantages resulting from such a division of labor, we have been enabled by this arrangement to make full provision for *Biblical Recitations* ; the Greek Professor being now charged with this duty, in addition to the ordinary requirements of his station.

It will be perceived from this statement, that all the branches of study prescribed by the statutes, are now regularly taught, with the single exception of *Political Economy*, which must necessarily be omitted, until a revision of the course, or until the number of instructors shall be enlarged.

Mr. Hodenpyl having, at the end of the first term, resigned his Professorship of Modern Languages and the office of Librarian, the vacancies have been filled by the Board, by the appointment of Mr. C. R. V. Romondt, a graduate of our College, and a licentiate from the Theological Seminary here. Mr. Romondt's early and familiar acquaintance with the French language, and his connection with us as an alumnus, seemed to the Board to justify their preference of him over other accomplished applicants for the place ; and I am happy to add, that his success, thus far, has fully realized the expectations and assurances of his friends.

I send herewith Mr. Romondt's report to me of the condition of the Library. I would respectfully call your attention to his suggestions as to the necessity of a printed catalogue, and of the binding of certain valuable works which he enumerates. The reso-

lutions adopted by the Synod at their last meeting, have proved entirely nugatory, by the failure, it is affirmed, of a specific appropriation of money for that purpose. I trust that the requisite power will be given by the Synod to their Treasurer, to carry out their own resolutions, and that this desirable improvement of the condition of the Library will no longer be delayed.

The Grammar School, since September last, has been under the care of the Rev. W. J. Thompson, A. M., formerly a tutor in this College, and well known as an able instructor. His school is in a flourishing condition, and will no doubt, under his management as rector, prove what its founders designed it to be, an important auxiliary to the College.

I need not repeat here what I have said in former reports, on the necessity of enlarged accommodations, and of greater attention to the appearance and preservation of the College grounds and buildings. The Synod being in session in this place in June last, had the opportunity of a personal inspection of the premises; and I refer you, for the report of their committee, and the resolutions adopted on the subject, to the 490th, and the following pages of their printed proceedings of that meeting. It is much to be regretted that the Synod's Committee of Repairs, appointed at that session, were stopped at the very beginning of their work by failure of means. I hope that those of your number who may attend at the approaching session of the Synod, will be instructed by your Board again to urge these matters upon the notice of that body. A longer delay may not only increase the expense of repairs, which sooner or later must be made, but also, in no slight degree, affect the higher and more delicate interests of these institutions.

A. BRUYN HASBROUCK, *President.*

*Rutgers College, May 28th, 1846.*

In addition to the above report, the Board of Superintendents inform General Synod, with much pleasure, that they have learned from the President of the College, that it is in a sound and healthy state, and that the conduct of the students, both as to good morals and attention to their studies, is commendable, and that its government is conducted with little or no difficulty.

The attention of General Synod is respectfully and earnestly called to the statements in the above report of the President of the College, with reference to the Library, and to the necessary repairs of the College buildings, and also to the Report of the Committee on the Professorate, found in the Minutes of the General Synod of last year, on pages 490, 491 and 492. This whole matter is so fully and clearly stated in this report, that we feel it to be unnecessary to add any thing to it. While much has already been done for the College, and the liberality shown towards it is gratefully



acknowledged, there is yet need for a continuance of that liberality, to make it such as its friends wish it should be. More than eight thousand dollars were subscribed five years since for the College, by the inhabitants of New Brunswick alone. If the same, or a similar friendly and liberal spirit, were exhibited towards it throughout the whole bounds of the Dutch Church, it would speedily and easily be freed from every embarrassment, and placed in a most desirable condition. And, permit us to ask, for what higher purpose can any one use his money, than to aid in promoting sound learning and true religion? These constitute all that adorns and ennobles and blesses man. These rescue him from ignorance and vice; from degradation and wretchedness; from a state bordering on the stupidity of a beast, and the wickedness and misery of a devil, and invest him with the likeness of the angels of light, and even of God himself, our glorious Creator. No heavy and oppressive contributions are asked for, but only such sums as are suited to the ability of the contributor to bestow, and the bestowment of which, will cause him no real and permanent inconvenience. We would adopt as our own the words of the Report of the Committee on the Professorate of last year, already referred to, and ask, "Why should not every effort be put forth to make this institution, together with our Seminary, the rallying point of the Church? Why not the domestic feeling of our Christian family circle be called out to cherish it? Make it attractive; pursue a liberal policy; let there be no controversy about jurisdiction; let the Church feel that here is a home for her sons, and these desirable results will follow."—When we consider the number and ability of the Professors of the College; its extensive and liberal course of studies; the amount of funds already possessed by it, and the large wealth of multitudes of individuals belonging to our Church, for whose benefit it is specially, though not exclusively, designed; and the healthiness, the good morals and regular habits of the city in which it is placed, we see no reason why we may not anticipate lasting and increasing prosperity.

JOHN KNOX,	} Board of Superintendents.
SAMUEL B. HOW,	
ABM. VAN NEST,	
J. J. JANEWAY,	

The following report was received from the Committee appointed

to make certain repairs to Rutgers College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, at their meeting in New Brunswick, in June, 1845, to attend to certain repairs to Rutgers College building, fences, &c., respectfully report : That they have attended in part to the duties assigned them, to wit : The street in front of the college lot has been laid with curb-stone, the walk regulated, the street in part filled up, forest trees planted along Somerset street, and in the College campus, the vales on the roof of the College repaired.

The whole amount thus far expended is \$389 40 ; there is still remaining a small balance, as your committee are informed, in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, but nothing like sufficient to do all the repairs to the College building and fences contemplated to be done.

Respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST,

*New Brunswick, June 3d, 1846.*

P. SPADER.

A report was received from Peter Spader, the Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the appropriations from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, amounting to \$1,602, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, requesting Synod to order or recommend a collection to be taken up in their churches during the current year, for the benefit of Rutgers College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### P R O F E S S O R A T E .

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Professorate be instructed to report resolutions to this Synod, appropriating the sum of four thousand dollars, paid to the Treasurer of Synod by the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Hornbeck, according to her bequest, so that thereby two scholarships be endowed, to bear respectively the names of Mrs. Hornbeck and of her late husband.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, whose term of service has expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Bergen, Washington, South Classis of New York, and South

Classis of Long Island, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes which have not nominated. The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., David A. Jones, Robert P. Lee, Jun., William A. Cornell, Wm. Demarest and a C. Boice.

The Rev. Edwin Holmes was appointed a member of the Board from the Classis of Rensselaer, in the place of the Rev. John S. Himrod, assigned to the new Classis of Hudson.

A communication was received from the Rev. John A. Yates, D. D., tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Superintendents. A motion was made that his resignation be accepted, and the question being taken upon it, it was lost.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Professorate, to report on the expediency of returning to the former practice of holding the annual examination of the Theological Seminary in the month of April.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to report,—That they have examined the various documents, and submit the following statement of their views and conclusions in the matters referred to them.

1. *The Report of the Board of Direction.* The Board have transacted their business with great unanimity, and communicate the gratifying intelligence, that the current expenses of Synod have been promptly met. The funds are believed to be safely invested. The income has been very generally collected, and the Board are directing their attention and efforts to collect the subscription to the permanent Professoral Fund.

It will be recollected that the last General Synod approved of the course suggested by the Board of Direction in regard to the legacy of Mrs. Hornbeck. The Board now informs the Synod that the Executor of the estate has paid the bequest of \$1,451 88, for the Education Fund. The Board of Direction having recommended the founding of a scholarship to bear the name of Mrs. Hornbeck, and the Synod having referred to the Committee the propriety of founding another scholarship, to bear the name of her husband, deceased, a considerable time since, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That two scholarships be founded, to be designated the Hornbeck Scholarships.

From the same estate there has been paid to the Board \$2,558, which has been paid to the Treasurers of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, according to the terms of the bequest.

The Board reports also the payment of a legacy made by the late Nehemiah Denton of Brooklyn, of \$1,000, to be applied equally to Foreign and Domestic Missions.

2. *Report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College.* The Board state, that the institution is in a sound, healthy state—that the students exhibit a high degree of diligence in the prosecution of their studies, and their acquirements are gratifying to their instructors, and there is a cheerful subjection to government. It appears that the Trustees, on recommendation of the Faculty, have introduced a change in the duties of instruction in the ancient languages, and have by the distribution of labor, secured a course of Biblical Recitations by the Professor charged with the department of the Greek language.

In the General Synod of 1844, a resolution was adopted that the Professor of Didactic Theology be requested to give instruction on the Evidences of Christianity to the students of Rutgers College, and your Committee are happy in stating that this necessary and important object has been realized. The President of the College having assumed the instruction in Moral Philosophy, the Professor of Theology has complied with the wishes of Synod.

Mr. C. V. Romondt has been appointed Librarian, and his report to the Faculty has been submitted to us. It appears from the statement of Mr. R., that the prospects of the Library are flattering. Books are presented; some of them rare and valuable. Mr. R. estimates the Library as containing at least 10,000 volumes. He has in a state of readiness a written catalogue, prepared by direction of the Trustees and Faculty. No catalogue has been printed since 1832, and the Faculty unite with the Librarian in urging our attention to have a catalogue printed, and that provision be made for rebinding several very valuable works, which are in a state not creditable to the Library.

A communication which has been sent to your Committee from a committee of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College states, that on a careful investigation of the receipts and expenditures of the College, and notwithstanding their diligence and success in procuring contributions to their funds, they find the expenditure exceeds the income by a considerable amount—a debt will thus be accumulating from year to year, which would seriously affect the interests of the institution, and they request General Synod to direct a collection to be taken up in their churches on some specified Sabbath, for the benefit of Rutgers College.

It also appears from the statement of the President of the College, that the Committee appointed by the last General Synod to make such repairs in the street, fences around the College grounds, in the Library and interior of the edifice, have attended to the duties assigned, but have, by a failure of the necessary funds, been unable to complete the repairs.

The General Synod, as appears from the Minutes of 1845, directed a collection to be taken up in all the churches, and your committee regret to learn that of 274 churches belonging to the Synod, only 37 have complied with the direction of the General Synod, and from the pressure of present embarrassments and the certainty of future financial difficulties, if no provision is made to supply the deficiency of income, your committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended and earnestly urged on all the churches to take a collection to aid Rutgers College on some Sabbath during the month of October next, and that the several Classes give their particular attention to this matter.

We have reason to rejoice in the success which has attended the efforts made to establish our institutions, and would erect our memorial, "*Hitherto hath the Lord helped.*" Applications are still in progress to complete the permanent endowment of the institution, and to enable the Trustees to fulfil their engagements—a collection from all our churches is necessary to meet present deficiencies. The churches have a common interest in these institutions ; their aid is required to foster what has been attained, and your Committee hope and believe that an appeal arising from such urgency of circumstances will not be neglected by those who desire the continued prosperity of the Church and its institutions.

It has been communicated to us that Mr. Spader, one of the Committee on Repairs, is necessarily absent for some time, and your committee suggest that the President of the College be added to that committee.

3. *Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.* The annual report of the Board presents an encouraging statement of the state of the Seminary. The examinations have furnished satisfactory evidences of diligence and proficiency in the students.

During the theological year, Mr. Bellinger and Mr. J. L. Kip Miller, two of the students who gave early promise of usefulness in the Church of God have been removed by death. The Board transmit, for the adjudication of the General Synod, a complaint of the Faculty against the students for preaching, and your Committee regret that the Board state that they have failed in any attempts they have made to secure compliance with what they deem (and your Committee concur with the Board in the opinion they express) a highly necessary and proper requirement. Your Committee believe that the evil complained of calls for a direct prohibition. The character of the institution, and the proper training of the future ambassadors of the gospel, alike demand habitual subordination to rightful authority.

The General Synod, at their last session, requested further information on the case of Robert C. Clark, whose license had been recalled by the Classis of Philadelphia. A statement has been submitted to the Committee from the Classis, as a reply. They state

that Mr. Clark was, after proper examination, licensed to preach the gospel in July, 1808. That at different times, and in several places, Mr. C. continued to preach until the year 1841. His health became impaired, and continued to decline so as to disqualify him for any mental labor, or for any other than active employment, which he attempted. The change, though not resulting in a perfect restoration, produced such improvement of his health as to induce him not to attempt any further discharge of clerical duties. The *facts* as to bodily infirmities were certified to Classis by the formal and respectful statements of Mr. Clark himself, in writing, a note from his father, Robert S. Clark, now, or lately, an elder in the Second Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, and the professional opinion of his medical advisor, J. Wilson Moore, M. D. That in view of these facts, and from the known wishes of Mr. Clark himself to be relieved from obligations under his licensure, the Classis, being satisfied with his reasons, and believing that his license could not be continued with advantage to himself or the Church, at their meeting, October 5th, 1844, recalled his licensure to preach as a candidate, and directed Mr. Clark to unite himself with one of the churches under the authority of the Classis, as a private member.

*Dispensations.*—An application was made for a dispensation for Mr. John Neander, a missionary in the employ of "The American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews," and who on application to be received under the care of the Classis of New York, after presenting ample and satisfactory testimonials, was received under the care of the said Classis. His case has been referred, with accompanying documents, to General Synod, requesting a dispensation to be granted to Mr. Neander, so as to allow the Classis to ordain him to the work of the ministry, provided that, on a full examination, he be found qualified for the work. On examining the case, as presented by the papers submitted to your committee, they submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a dispensation be granted to Mr. Neander, and the Classis of New York be authorized, after satisfactory examination, to ordain him to the work of the ministry.

Your committee have given their attention to the subject of changing the time of the annual examination of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to them. The change which is contemplated, they consider as attended with several advantages. The Report of the Board of Superintendents will be brought before the General Synod, immediately after the examination, and not, as under the present arrangement, be subject to a delay of nearly a year. The young men will be enabled to present their Professoral Certificates at the spring session of the Classes, and extra sessions of the Classes will be unnecessary. It will be of advantage to our young men, as they will be sent into the field of

labor at a season of the year more favorable for their visits to the churches, and will have six months for travelling, as candidates, before the winter sets in. Under the present plan, so short a time intervenes between licensure and winter, that if a candidate receives a call, he is often put to serious inconveniences by removing in the winter to the scene of his duty. By the proposed change, our young men will enter upon their work about the same time with licentiates from other institutions. The change also is only a return to a practice which prevailed from the establishment of the Seminary to the revival of the College, and was always satisfactory. The exercises of the institution, as respects the other classes, will go on as at present, unaffected by the proposed change. But as it is a subject of great moment, it is deemed proper to refer it to the Board of Superintendents, with power to make the change.

In regard to the reference in relation to the framing of an Index to the Constitution, the committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod, be directed to have an Index to the Constitution of the Ref. Dutch Church prepared and published in form, to be pasted inside of the cover of the volume now in use.

In relation to the application from the Classis of New York, for a dispensation in favor of Mr. William Anderson, the committee recommend the following :

*Resolved*, That the case of Mr. Anderson be referred to the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GOSMAN, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XV.

### STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### MISSIONS.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's report of the Board of Domestic Missions, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Annual Missionary Sermon before the Synod was preached on the evening of the fifth day of the session, in the North Dutch Church, by the Rev. John Gosman, D. D., from 2 Cor. x. 4, 5.

The Elder Timothy Edwards tendered the resignation of his seat as a member of the Board of Domestic Missions, which was accepted.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

THE Committee on Missions respectfully report, that they have given attention to the matters committed to them, and present the following for the action of Synod :—

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Severe trials have afflicted our brethren, laboring in this field. While assiduously engaged in the prosecution of their work, at Amoy, in China, the Rev. Messrs. Pohlman and Doty were called, in the inscrutable providence of God, to pass through scenes of the severest domestic affliction. Mrs. P. departed this life on the 30th of September last, after a short and severe illness; and Mrs. D. was called to follow her departed sister into the eternal world, on the 5th of October, following. Thus, in the brief space of one week, our feeble mission in China was weakened by the loss of two important members, and the brethren left in solitariness to bow to the hand of God.

Your Board, in their report, speak in the following terms of the character and end of these Christian sisters :—“ They were (say they) both distinguished by the excellency of their missionary character. They felt and expressed in their dying hours, the hopes and consolations of the gospel, testifying their cordial, thankful remembrance, of having consecrated themselves to the missionary service.”

The brethren thus bereaved, felt that their children ought to be sent home, to be reared among their kindred; and for that end Mr. Doty arrived with them, in the beginning of March. Mr. D. will remain a short time here, and then return to his appropriate field.

As to the mission in Borneo, your committee are sorry to say that they cannot present as favorable a statement, as was given to



the last Synod. It is weakened, for a time, by the departure of the Rev. Mr. Thompson, who has permission to visit this country, in order to place his children under the care of their relatives; and may be expected soon among us.

The following important statement in reference to this mission is found in the report of your Board:—"A communication was received from the brethren, dated July 15th, 1845, in which they express greater discouragement as to the prospect of much usefulness among the Dyaks, arising from the convincing proof which they have found of the strong and controlling influence exercised by the Malays over them; placing formidable obstacles in the way of missionary labor among them. It is evident that their minds begin to be exercised with the consideration, whether, in the peculiarity of their field, and the obstacles presented, it will be wise, with present auspices, to continue long their missionary work there, when so many positions may be found, favorable to efficient and successful labor. They are attached to the location where they have been so faithfully laboring amidst trials, and will only relinquish it on strong conviction, and nothing will be done without their clear judgment and decision." The Board further state, that the Prudential Committee are ready to commence a mission among the Tamul people, in Southern India, to be under the auspices of our Church, provided we can find the requisite number of men to enter upon that field, which is represented as inviting. It is intimated also by that committee, that this would be the proper sphere for our missionaries in Borneo, provided it should be deemed proper for them to relinquish their efforts in that island.

In reference to these important matters, your committee observe that it would be exceedingly gratifying to see additional stations in the Eastern world occupied by missionaries from our own bosom, and under the supervision of our own Board; and the hope is fondly cherished, that, ere long, such will be the case; and that the liberality of our churches will be so enlarged as to sustain them fully. But, in their judgment, the relinquishment of our enterprise in the vast and dark island of Borneo, to which our brethren were led by a marked interposition of divine providence, is a measure greatly to be deprecated, and in no wise to be adopted, except for the most weighty reasons.

Your committee are happy to state, that the licentiate, Mr. J. V. N. Talmage, of the class last graduated at our Theological School, has given himself to the missionary work among the heathen, and will probably be located in China. And also that there is a prospect that some now in the school will consecrate themselves to the same work.

The agency of the Rev. Elbert Nevius has been continued in our Church, during the past year, and prosecuted to the high satisfaction of the Board.

The receipts into our Treasury for the year past, amount to \$11,895, being \$897 in advance of the preceding year.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The receipts into the Treasury of the Board of Domestic Missions for the past year, have been :

From ordinary sources,	-	-	-	\$7,536	97
From bequest,	-	-	-	1,234	00
In the aggregate, making	-	-	-		\$8,770 97
The disbursements, during the same period, have been,	-	-	-		\$6,285 21
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	-	-	-	\$2,485	76

## EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

In this department, during the past year, the Board have extended aid, and voted appropriations to 48 churches and 7 missionary stations, as follows :—

Manayunk, *in Pennsylvania.*

*In New Jersey.*—Middletown Village, New Durham, Rockaway, Clintonville, Fairfield, Ponds, Little Falls, Van Vorst, Jersey City, Stonehouse Plains.

*In New York.*—West Farms, German Mission (New York City,) Kiskatom, Gansevoort, Canastota, Courtlandtown, Tyre, Athens, Flushing, Sandbeach, Bloomingdale Cohoes, Shoken, Jackson, Unionville, Conesville, Greeneville, Waterford, Gorham, Clove, Caroline, Cato, Lysander, Twenty-first street (New York,) Mohawk, German Flats, Easton, Glenham, Wurtsborough, Buffalo, Roxbury, Ghent, Arcadia, Woodstock, and Houston street (New York.)

*Missionary Stations.*—Fiftieth street and Third Avenue, New York City ; Day, Blenheim, Piffardiania, Port Washington and Key Port.

The following are vacated appropriations, no service having been rendered to the Board :—Greenville, Fiftieth street and Third Avenue, (first appropriation,) Knox, in *New York* ; Wyckoff and Trenton, in *New Jersey*.

The whole amount of appropriations in this department, exclusive of those vacated, \$6,435.

The whole amount of drafts issued, for the year, in this department, \$4,586 26.

Port Washington and Key Port, in Monmouth county, N. J., are new stations, and the missionaries speak well of the prospects of success. During the year a new mission has been commenced at the corner of Fiftieth street and Third Avenue, where attendance upon the services is rapidly increasing.

There is another in the town of Day, Saratoga county : also another at Piffardiania, in Western New York, where a house of worship was built by private munificence, previous to the appointment of a missionary.

As to the condition of the churches and missionary stations, we

are not able to state that there have been any marked indications of the presence of God, yet there has been an ordinary degree of attention to the means of grace.

#### WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

Here there are ten stations appertaining to the Board, and during the year eight ministers have been laboring under their commissions.

The stations are Madison, in *Wisconsin*, (vacant.) In *Michigan*, the Allegan station, (vacant;) Grand Rapids, occupied by Rev. A. B. Taylor; Centreville, by the Rev. D. McNeish; Constantine, now vacant, but for the greater part of the year occupied by Rev. A. Bennet; and Ridgeway, by Rev. J. Minor. In *Illinois*, Fairview, occupied by Rev. A. D. Wilson; Brunswick, by the Rev. G. G. Sill; Vanderveer, by Rev. J. N. Shultz; and Pekin, by Rev. N. D. Williamson.

There has been expended, for the support of these stations, \$1,850.

The Board remark, in reference to the faithfulness and success of their missionaries in this field, that "they have labored faithfully in the work assigned them. They have not failed of success, to some extent, in planting and watering the seed of the word of life; few additions, however, have been made to the churches," and from all the stations there are great complaints of spiritual deadness among professors of religion.

The Board speak in their report of the need felt by our missionaries in this section, of books, setting forth, in a manner accessible and intelligible to the people, the doctrines of the Reformed Dutch Church, and suggest that Synod devise some method to supply such desideratum. Your committee would therefore present the following resolution for the action of Synod:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Sabbath-school Union cause to be prepared and published a volume setting forth a succinct statement of the history, doctrines, and usages of the Reformed Dutch Church, in a form adapted to meet the wants of our Western missions.

It appears that the Commissioners appointed by the last Synod to visit the Western field, have not, up to this time, entered upon the duties assigned them, and although your committee are not aware that the appointment has been formally declined, they take it for granted that the brethren holding it have no design of entering upon it at this late period. The Board therefore express again to the Synod their strong conviction of the importance of employing, from time to time, commissioners of visitation, to the successful prosecution of the enterprise committed to their charge, and desire that the Synod recognize their right to appoint, as they may deem advisable, such commissioners.

Your committee find, by a reference to the action of the Synod of 1831, originating the Board of Domestic Missions, (see printed

Min., vol. iii., page 383,) that said Board are invested with power "to take all proper and necessary measures to further the cause of missions, subject at all times to the direction and control of Synod." In the judgment of your committee, the powers with which the Board are here clothed, clearly embrace that of appointing commissioners at their discretion, so long as the Synod has not otherwise directed. And they are of opinion that it is wise to confide to them such discretionary power. But since the powers of the Board in this matter have been questioned, your committee, that this question may be definitely settled, and all embarrassment in the Board in reference to it may be removed, suggest the following resolution for the adoption of Synod :

*Resolved*, That the power of the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint commissioners, from time to time, as they may deem necessary for the furtherance of the work committed to their trust, be and hereby is recognized on the part of the Synod.

In reference to our Western Missions, your committee state that there has been no addition either in the number of stations or missionaries, during the past year. This is to be regretted. That field is one of very deep interest. There a vast population already dwell, and thither multitudes from the four winds of heaven are hourly bending their steps ; so that the population multiplies faster by far than the means necessary for the promotion of their moral and religious improvement. Your committee conceive that there are reasons, most weighty, to induce us to arouse our energies in reference to the establishment of gospel institutions and the diffusion of gospel truth in that vast field of Christian enterprise. There the Romish Church is putting forth her mighty energies. There fanaticism, and infidelity, and every form of error, are moulding the public mind, and influencing the destinies of the State, to a degree that may well awaken the most serious apprehensions of the man who loves his country, or the Church of God. And therefore every consideration of patriotism, as well as our desires for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, should stimulate us not merely to sustain the churches already planted, but also to do what we can to cast over that vast field the incorruptible seed of gospel truth, and to lay here and there the foundations of a Church organization, about which the friends of Zion may rally, and raise the standard of the cross.

Your committee would therefore present, for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions, in reference to our missionary operations in the West, viz. :

1st. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be directed to make speedy efforts to enlarge their operations in the Western Department of our missionary field.

2d. *Resolved*, That *prominent* places in the West should be occupied, as most likely to secure the permanency and rapid growth of our Church in that region.

Your committee learn that a benevolent lady in the church of Broome street, New York, is ready to furnish annually the sum of \$400, for the purpose of sustaining an itinerant missionary in the West. Your committee are happy to hear of such a liberal proposition, and in view of it, recommend the following resolution, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions appoint an itinerant missionary for the West, and carefully determine his appropriate work.

The suggestion of one of your delegates to the Synod of the German Church, in reference to the expediency of planting churches of our denomination in the larger towns of Pennsylvania, has been under the consideration of your committee, and they are of opinion that the subject is one demanding careful consideration before any decided action is had upon it. And to secure this, it is recommended to refer the matter to the Board of Domestic Missions, and direct them to report the result of their deliberations and inquiries thereon to the next General Synod.

In reference to the resolution of the Classis of Passaic, on the subject of appropriations to churches, your committee are of opinion that the rule proposed by them, for the regulation of the Board in this matter, is, in the end it contemplates, wise, and will be compassed by the following resolution, which is submitted for the adoption of Synod, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions should make no appropriation to any church asking aid in the settlement of a pastor, unless they have before them a recommendation of the application of such church from the Classis within whose bounds it is located.

The Board state that they anticipate the payment into their treasury, very soon, of legacies to the amount of some \$10,000, and they suggest that these funds be put out on loan. Your committee approve of this suggestion, and propose the following resolution in reference to it, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be, and hereby are authorized to fund any monies accruing from bequests, and expend only the proceeds of the same, as their circumstances may from time to time require.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT P. LEE, JUN., *Chairman*.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz. : Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., Thomas M. Strong, D. D., Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Alexander H. Warner, Enoch Van Aken, Matthias Lusk ; and Messrs. Stephen Garretson, Theo-

dore Frelinghuysen, Thomas C. Doremus, John Schenck, James Suydam, and Joseph W. Duryea. Mr. Mortimer De Motte was chosen in the place of Mr. Timothy Edwards, resigned.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., Robert Ormiston Currie, Garret I. Garretson, and Mr. William R. Thompson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons, from whom to elect an individual to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Robert P. Lee, Jun., was chosen *Primarius*, and the Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, *Secundus*.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### W I D O W ' S F U N D .

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod, (p. 512,) to confer with the Board of Direction in relation to the Widow's Fund, reported, and their report was referred to the Committee on the Widow's Fund.

The Committee on the Widow's Fund reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Widow's Fund, beg leave to report, that the following papers have been put into their hands, to which they have given that attention which the other business of the house, and the short time in which these papers have been in their hands, have enabled them to bestow :—that part of the Report of the Board of Direction relating to the Widow's Fund—the Widow's Fund account with the Treasurer—the list of clerical subscribers to the Fund, and the annuitants thereon—the Rules drawn up by the Board of Direction, for the management of the Fund, and likewise the report of the Committee appointed by the last Synod, to confer with the Board of Direction in relation to this object.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the suggestion of the Board of Direction in regard to an effort during the present year, to double the amount of the Widow's Fund, be presented to the consideration of the several Classes, Ministers, Consistories, and benevolent individuals of our Church, and that the several Classes be directed to report their action on this subject to the next General Synod.

The committee submit to the consideration of Synod, the Rules for the management of the Fund, suggesting the following amendments :

In Rule 2d, after words "neglect of payment," add words "for one year, interest however shall be always required, where the payment has been delayed for six months."

Agreeably to the suggestion of the Committee of Conference, the committee would recommend that the rate of interest allowed by those who make a deposit, the interest of which shall amount to \$20, \$10, \$5, annually, should be four per cent. interest, instead of six, it being proper that two per cent. should be allowed for the care and trouble connected with investing said deposit.

They would likewise recommend that despositors of this class should be subjected to the same rules in regard to benefit to be derived from this fund, as despositors of twenty dollars, viz. : that when the deposit has been in the hands of the Treasurer one year, \$75 ; two years, \$100, &c., as provided for in Rule 6th.

The committee likewise recommend that Rule 6th be amended, by adding after words "without interest," "by giving nine months' notice to the Treasurer."

Your committee consider it highly important that Rule 4th should be so amended, as that all the funds belonging to this Fund should be secured by mortgage on real estate. They likewise recommend that Rule 10th be altered so as to read—"alterations may be made in the Rules relating to the general management of the Fund, by a vote of two thirds of the paying subscribers thereto ; but its essential principles having reference to a civil compact between the General Synod and the subscribers, cannot be altered except by their unanimous consent."

The committee therefore recommend for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That Rule 2d in the plan now presented by the Board of Direction, be altered, by adding after words "neglect of payment," words "for one year," and words, "interest however shall at all times be required after six months."

2. *Resolved*, That the word "six" be stricken out in Rule 2d, after words "which at," and word "four," inserted. Likewise after words "without interest," add "by giving nine months' notice to the Treasurer."

3. *Resolved*, That Rule 4th be amended so as to read—"No money belonging to this Fund shall be loaned except on temporary loans, with collateral security, unless secured by bond and mortgage on *real estate*. The moneys belonging to this Fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds of Synod."

4. *Resolved*, That the 10th Rule be altered so as to read—"alterations may be made in the rules relating to the general management of the Fund, by a vote of two-thirds of the paying subscribers thereto ; but the plan, in its essential principles, relating to a civil compact between each subscriber and the General Synod, as

the contracting parties, cannot be altered without the consent of every such paying subscriber."

5. *Resolved*, That the Rules, as now submitted by the Board of Direction, which heretofore have not received the sanction of Synod, together with those that have received that sanction, and the amendments that have now been adopted, be confirmed as the system of rules for the management of the Widow's Fund.

6. *Resolved*, That this system of rules be printed as an Appendix to the Minutes of this session, or in a printed sheet, as the Board of Direction shall determine, and sent to each minister of our Church.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following article, to be added to the close of Rule 2d: "Ministers leaving our Church shall be subjected to the same rule in the withdrawal of their subscriptions."

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. HEYER, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XX.

### PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Whereas it appears, on examination of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, that a mistake has occurred in the list of delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia, the Elder Albert P. Voorhees being named one of the Secundi, as well as one of the Primarii, contrary to the usage and intention of the delegating power: and whereas it appears, from the unanimous testimony of the delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia present, that the Elder Gilbert Lane was nominated by the Classis of Philadelphia, instead of Mr. Voorhees, and is now present: therefore

*Resolved*, That the Elder Gilbert Lane be received as a delegate from the Classis of Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Rev. William S. Heyer, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and the Elder John McClellan, be appointed to make arrangements for holding public meetings at some time during the session of the Synod, in behalf of the benevolent operations of the General Synod.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the meetings were held accordingly.

The following report was received from the Committee on the Hymn Book, appointed by the last General Synod, (pp. 478, 479,)



which was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., Gustavus Abeel, D. D., and Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., and the Elders Isaac Jennings and John Barnes.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Hymn Book, beg leave to submit the following as their report :—

They have given much attention and care to the important matter committed to them, and have endeavored so to select their hymns as to make “the poetical liturgy” of the Church complete.

In the performance of their duty they have been much governed by the sentiments expressed freely in Synod at the time of their appointment, as well as what they have felt to be wanting in the collections now in use.

Every desirable facility has been enjoyed, as the committee have had before them, and carefully examined, several of the best foreign hymn books, as well as a considerable number of American collections, and several of these of very late date. They have also been permitted to select from the manuscripts of a distinguished composer of sacred music a number of original hymns, which they do not hesitate to pronounce very choice.

After examination, it was found that it would be impracticable to add to the Hymn Book of the Synod’s Board, what the wants of the Church required, without making it too unwieldy and costly for Sunday-school purposes, and it was felt that to place the new selection in such form would throw it out of the more public exercises, where additional hymns were needed, as well as in the social meeting.

It was agreed, accordingly, to leave the book of the Synod’s Board for Sunday-school use, making such additions as would render it more complete for school use, and the various social meetings of Sunday-school teachers. In making such addition, they have met the views of a special committee of the Synod’s Board, with whom they had a conference.

The committee herewith submit a selection of about 350 hymns to the Synod—having taken the lowest number suggested at the last meeting of Synod.

The committee have given special attention to the subject of a uniform arrangement of all the hymns in use, and give it as their judgment, that it should be carried into effect. It is believed that the real value of our present hymns is not seen, from the fact of their being separated as they are. They do not readily offer to the eye, and hence there is a feeling that there is a paucity of valuable hymns. After their labors, the committee are more ready than ever to say that some of the choicest productions of the kind in our language are found in our old hymns. This will be obvious to all, when such systematic arrangement is made; and if Synod approve the selection now offered, and the whole are made one series, it is

confidently believed that our hymn book may favorably compare with any in our country.

When the division of hymns into books was introduced, it marked mainly a division of subjects, and was, in fact, only distinct parts; but in our two books the same ground generally is gone over—hence there is and will be confusion. It is worthy of notice that the churches heretofore maintaining the division into books, have abandoned it, and their late collections are made on the plan here recommended. Some indeed have thrown the paraphrase of the Psalms and Hymns into one series, while others confine their rearrangement to the hymns.

Some pains have been taken to ascertain the number of psalms and hymns in other collections, with a view to comparison with our own. The following summary presents this matter:—

The Psalmist, by Dr. Patton and Mr. Hastings, has 417 psalms and 643 hymns—a total of 1060.

The last collection of the Presbyterian Church has 344 psalms and 680 hymns—a total of 1024.

The Church Psalmody, by L. Mason, has 454 psalms and 731 hymns—in whole, 1185.

The collection by Dr. Beman, has 467 psalms and 702 hymns—in whole, 1169.

Watts and Rippon, used by many Baptist churches, has, in one series, psalms and hymns, 1311.

The Psalmist, a late collection for the Baptist churches, has 1180 hymns, with over 50 anthems.

Our own book now comprises 324 psalms, 276 hymns in the 1st Book, and 171 in the 2d Book—making a total of 771. With the addition now proposed, we shall have, in the whole, about 1100 metrical exercises. There is one circumstance almost peculiar to us as a denomination, which makes it desirable that our collection should be even larger than any other, and that is, that of those churches using paraphrases and hymns, we alone restrict our congregations to selections made by church authority. Considerable latitude is allowed by others, and hence any given collection is less likely to lose its interest by a familiar use. In our case there are decided advantages on the score of the preservation of a sound theology by our rule, while, at the same time, there is a demand of a wider field in which to range, that our hymns may not fail of producing the impressions and calling out the feelings desirable.

In view of the arrangement proposed, it is deemed a happy circumstance that the agreement with the esteemed publishers of the present book expires about this time. To them belongs the credit of having given the Church, for pew use, one of the best executed books, whether paper, or type, or both, are taken into the account, and it is both courteous and proper that, if practicable, they should be continued as our publishers, if they desire.

If the proposed rearrangement is adopted and directed by synod, the plates of the present hymn books of both sizes will be o com-

paratively little value ; but the loss involved can be made up by exempting the publishers from paying a per centage on the books printed, either for a certain number of copies, or a term of years.

In reference to the new arrangement the committee wish it to be distinctly understood, that its publication will not throw a single copy of the present book out of use, as, in a special heading, a reference can be made to the number and place of each of those hymns. The new book will gradually make its way, and only supplant the present books as the people may please, or the volume becomes worn out.

The committee close their report by suggesting a few things to the Synod.

1. That if the new selection be adopted, it should be published at as early a day as practicable, with headings adapted to a new arrangement. And, if it meet the approbation of Synod, they would be happy to attend to this work for the Synod.

2. That this committee be empowered to revise and rearrange the whole, (*i. e.*, the present two books and the selection now submitted,) according to the order of truth, and supervise the publication of the same.

3. That in the second-sized psalm and hymn book the catechisms and other appended matter be omitted. The larger-sized book being the pew-book, it is deemed important that it should contain the symbols and forms of the Church, as at present. But as the second-sized volume is, and will be, much more the book carried to social meetings, and used in the lecture-room, it is not so desirable to retain this matter. If not retained, the new book will be a little larger in size than that now in use, and its price the same. The matter omitted will still be available, published in connection with the Constitution, as is now done.

4. That the Board of Direction be authorized, in making a new arrangement with the present publishers, (if they desire to be continued publishers of the book,) to remit the per centage paid to Synod for such a period of time, or on such a number of copies as shall compensate the actual loss on plates now in use.

5. That a copyright be taken out for the new selection and the new arrangement, as they contain a considerable number of original hymns.

In behalf of the committee.

ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

*New-York, 1st June, 1846.*

The committee to whom the above report was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred the report and manuscript hymns of the committee appointed by General Synod to make additions to the hymn book used in our churches and Sabbath-schools, respectfully report : That they find it impossible, during

the space allowed them, minutely to examine each particular part of the work submitted to their revision. So far, however, as time has allowed, they have inspected the manuscripts, &c., and are of opinion that the committee have discharged their duty with great judgment and fidelity; and they recommend the following resolutions, according to the suggestions of the report of the Committee of Selection:

*Resolved*, That the work of the committee be approved, and that they be authorized to complete the same, and prepare the whole for publication as speedily as convenient.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered to carry out the necessary arrangements for the printing, in conformity with the *fourth* suggestion of the committee, when the committee shall have consummated their work—referring the Sabbath-school hymns for publication to the Synod's Sabbath-school Board.

*Resolved*, That the committee be directed to attach an alphabetical index to the new edition of the hymns.

*Resolved*, That a separate edition of the new hymns be forthwith prepared for the immediate use of the churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. BETHUNE, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Douw Van Olinda and George P. Van Wyck, and the Elder Isaac Jennings, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to corresponding churches, and a person to preach the Missionary Sermon, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

*Resolved*, That the churches which have omitted to take up collections for the contingent fund of General Synod, as recommended by Synod at their last session, be requested to attend to this recommendation of Synod at the earliest day.

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. T. W. Chambers, and the Elder Thos. Talmage, be appointed to prepare a digest of all the rules and resolutions of General Synod, which are of a general and permanent character, and that this committee prosecute their work with all practicable despatch.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be directed to have an edition of our authorized Psalmody printed in the cheapest form, adapted for general circulation.

*Resolved*, That the annual reports of the Board of Education, and the accompanying statements from the Treasurer of the Board,

in relation to his receipts from the churches, be not hereafter published in the body of the Minutes of the General Synod, but in the Christian Intelligencer, or in such manner as the reports of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions and Sabbath-school Union are published.

The following resolution, submitted by the Committee on the State of Religion, was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the first Lord's day in July be set apart for humiliation and prayer, in view of the low state of religion among us, and the present condition of our country, that God may be entreated to revive his work and bless his heritage.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. John Lillie, the Corresponding Secretary of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, at his request, addressed the Synod on the third day of the session, on the subject of the operations of said Society.

Mr. Neander, a missionary of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, by request of Synod, addressed them on the same subject ; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the statements presented to Synod, be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

The committee reported, recommending the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews be recommended to the confidence and sympathy of our churches ; and that the pastors consider the propriety of preaching on the subject at such time as they may find most expedient.

*Resolved*, That the churches be recommended to take up a collection in behalf of the American Colonization Society, on the 4th of July, or some Sabbath near that time.

*Resolved*, That the cause of the American Seaman's Friend Society be recommended to the patronage of the churches.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

## SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

## A C C O U N T S .

A bill, amounting to \$2, for printing the nominations of the Synod, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

The bill of Peter Van Bergen, door-keeper, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts report that the door-keeper of the North Dutch Church, in the Consistory-room of which Synod met, on and during the first day of their session, has presented to them his account of stationary, and his attendance, &c., amounting to \$6 32, which your committee recommend to be paid.

Also, that the door-keeper of Dr. Wyckoff's church, to the Consistory-room of which Synod adjourned on the second day of their session, has presented to the Committee his bill for attendance, stationary, &c., amounting to \$12 78, which your committee recommend to be paid by Synod.

J. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish 1000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number directed by them.

*Resolved*, That this Synod cherishes a grateful sense of the kind and continued attentions and entertainment afforded to the several members by the citizens of Albany, and that the pastors of the several Reformed Dutch churches be requested to present to their congregations our best acknowledgments.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Ministers and Consistories of the North, Middle and South churches, for the use of their buildings during the meetings of this body.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following

members were absent without permission, viz.: Rev. John Van Liew, Joseph Parry, Ransford Wells, John A. Liddell; and the Elders, John J. Ackerson, Henry R. Stephens, Gilbert Lane, and Abraham Pearse.

The Minutes were read and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

### A D J O U R N M E N T .

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New York, in the Reformed Dutch church in Broome street, on the first Wednesday in June, 1847, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was closed with prayer by the President.

WM. H. CAMPBELL, *President*.

GUSTAVUS ABEEL, *Adressor*.

JOHN GARRETSON,  
CORNELIUS VAN CLEEF, } *Clerks*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk*.

# APPENDIX.

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## WIDOW'S FUND,

### OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

1. The Fund shall be called "The Fund for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, and the Widows and Children of Ministers of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," and shall be administered by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of said Church, during the pleasure and under the control of General Synod.

2. Every minister of the Reformed Dutch Church may secure a full interest in the fund, by the payment of twenty dollars annually. Payments of ten dollars, or of five dollars annually, shall entitle subscribers to a proportionate benefit from the fund. Neglect of payment for one year to be a forfeiture of privilege. Interest, however, shall at all times be required after six months. Payments at one time of a sum, the interest of which at four per cent. per annum shall amount to twenty dollars, or to ten dollars or five dollars per annum, shall give a claim upon the fund in the same manner as if those amounts were paid annually, and in this case the amount of the original payment may, at the death or disability of the minister, be withdrawn without impairing the right of benefit from the fund. Ministers interested in the fund shall at all times be at liberty to relinquish such interest and withdraw the amount of money actually paid by them without interest, by giving nine months' notice to the Treasurer, which, in case of annual payments, shall be taken from the income, and not from the principal of the fund. Ministers leaving our Church shall be subjected to the same rule in the withdrawal of their subscriptions.



3. Payments made by ministers, and donations, when so specially directed by the donor, shall be considered income ; all other donations and the collections in the churches, shall be considered principal, and the interest only used as income—consistories may, at their pleasure, direct their contributions, collections and donations, to apply in whole or in part to the credit of their own or any other minister they may designate.

4. No money belonging to this fund shall be loaned (except on temporary loan with collateral security) unless secured by bond and mortgage on real estate. The monies belonging to this fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds of Synod.

5. The officers of the Board of Corporation shall be the officers of the trust—the Treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income and make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to General Synod at each of its annual meetings ; his accounts to be audited by a committee of the Board of Corporation.

6. The maximum amount to be paid to parties interested in the fund shall be—to a minister disabled by sickness or age, two hundred dollars per annum ; to the widow of a deceased minister, two hundred dollars per annum ; to children of clergymen, both whose parents have deceased, seventy-five dollars per annum, each, until they attain the age of sixteen years. Should the income, upon due experiment, be found to admit it, this maximum may hereafter be increased. When but one payment has been made, the maximum of the annuity allowed shall be seventy-five dollars. When two annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity allowed shall be one hundred dollars. When three annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be one hundred and fifty dollars. When four annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be one hundred and seventy-five dollars ; and where payments have been made for five years and upwards, the maximum annuity shall be as above stated, two hundred dollars—the widows and children of such, to receive respectively according to this gradation.

As long as the income is sufficient to pay each claimant the maximum annuity, the maximum shall be allowed ; but should the income not be sufficient, then the whole income shall be divided among the claimants in proportion to their claims.

It is expressly understood that in all the above cases, to entitle the applicants to their annuities, the payment of subscriptions must

be continued regularly until they cease, by the operation of the principles herein contained.

7. A widow of a minister contracting marriage forfeits her claim to the annuity—but in such case the children under sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to their annuities, as though both parents had deceased.

8. In disbursing the income of the fund, where a minister is the applicant, he shall be required to produce a certificate from his Classis, or other satisfactory evidence, declaring that by reason of sickness, old age, or other providential cause, he is incapable of service.

Where a widow is an applicant, like satisfactory evidence of the decease of her husband, and the date thereof, shall be required.

When children, both whose parents have deceased, are concerned, like evidence of the death of their parents, and of their own age, shall be required.

9. The payments to annuitants shall be made half yearly ; to ministers, commencing with the date of their incapacity for service ; to widows, from the death of their husbands ; and to children, from the death of their last surviving parent.

The Treasurer's books, on authentic vouchers, shall furnish the evidence of the payment of subscriptions.

Annuitants shall be admitted to the benefit of the fund by a vote of the Trustees of the fund, or a committee specially appointed for that purpose.

10. Alterations may be made in the rules relating to the general management of the fund, by a vote of two-thirds of the paying subscribers thereto ; but the plan, in its essential principles relating to a civil compact between each subscriber and the General Synod, as the contracting parties, cannot be altered without the consent of every paying subscriber.

11. These rules are adopted and confirmed by Synod, as the system for the management of the Widow's Fund.

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ON WEDNESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN.—THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE SECOND TO THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 2 Peter i. 2: “*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.*”

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

##### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Philip M. Brett,\* James B. Hardenbergh, D. D. Elders—George Zabriskie, Charles Dusenberry, David J. Demarest.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., John E. Miller, Isaac Ferris, D. D.† Elders—William B. Crosby,‡ Horatio P. Allen, Daniel R. Hitchcock.

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\* Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by his *secundus*, Rev. John Knox, D. D.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

‡ Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by his *secundus*, John G. Sperling.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., William Reiley, Jacob C. Sears. *Elders*—William B. Gaston,\* Holmes Van Mater, Jacob Wyckoff.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Matthias Lusk, James Romeyn. *Elders*—Myndert Van Horne, Minot C. Morgan.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. John H. Duryea, Ebenezer Wiggins,† Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D.‡ *Elder*—John J. Berdan.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, Abraham I. Labagh, Thomas M. Strong, D. D. *Elders*—Henry S. Ditmas, Bernardus J. Ryder, John Williamson.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. William R. Gordon, A. Hamilton Bishop, William H. Van Doren. *Elders*—James Currie, Lambert Norton, Isaac Mills.

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. John Gardner, C. C. Van Arsdale, D. D.,|| J. R. Van Arsdale. *Elders*—John Covert,§ Martin Wyckoff.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Francis M. Kip, Alexander M. Mann, Brogun Hoff. *Elders*—Josiah Burritt, Henry I. Kip, John H. Roosa.¶

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Abraham G. Ryerson, John I. Quick, Barnabas V. Collins.\*\* (e)

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. George G. Sill.††

12. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John G. Johnson, Ira. C. Boice, John Gosman, D. D. (f) *Elder*—Peter Simmons.

\* Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session, and succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by his *secundus*, Abraham A. Dumont.

† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

§ Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by his *secundus*, Peter Serviss.

¶ Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the session by his *secundus*, T. V. W. Anthony.

\*\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the *fourth* day of the session.

(e) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

(f) Took his seat on the *ninth* day of the session.

## FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., S. Van Santvoord, S. V. E. Westfall. *Elders*—John Q. Wilson,\* Garret L. Dox,(a) Leonard G. Ten Eyck.†

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyck, Cornelius Van Santvoord, William Brush.‡(c) *Elders*—Jonathan Auchmoody,|| John G. Mynderse,§§ Elijah Alliger.(d)

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edward P. Stimpson, Elbert S. Porter, Edwin Holmes.§ *Elder*—William Hulsapple.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Charles H. Chester,¶ John Dubois,(b) Abraham Myers.‡ *Elders*—Philip V. N. Morris, Joseph Boice.\*

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. James Murphy, D. D., Douw Van Olinda, James McFarlane. *Elder*—John Frey.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Jacob West,\*\* Ransford Wells, Lawrence H. Van Dyke.†† *Elder*—Storm S. Becker.‡‡

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. John B. Steele, William Bailey.‡ *Elder*—Myndert Veeder.(d)

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Benjamin Bassler, A. B. Winfield.

\* Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *third* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *sixth*.

‡ Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

¶ Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session by his *secundus*, Rev. H. Slawson.

\*\* Succeeded by his *secundus*, Rev. John M. Scribner, on the *eighth* day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *ninth*.

‡‡ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *eighth*.

§§ Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session by his *secundus*, Peter I. Snyder.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

(b) Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

(c) Succeeded, the *eighth* day of the session, by his *secundus*, Rev. Martin L. Schenck.

(d) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

9. *From the Classis of Orange*.—Rev. John B. Alliger, Samuel B. Ayres, (a) James Demarest. *Elders*—Ephraim Smith, John D. Decker,\* Jesse Scofield.†

10. *From the Classis of Greene*.—Rev. David Murdock, Paul D. Van Cleef, Abraham V. Wyckoff, (a)

11. *From the Classis of Michigan*.— \* \* \* \* \*

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet*.—Rev. John Whitbeck, Jacob A. Lansing, Oscar H. Gregory. *Elders*—Isaac Van Vechten, Henry Frazee.

### ARTICLE III.

#### M O D E R A T O R S .

The Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., was chosen *President*; the Rev. Alexander M. Mann was chosen *Adessor*; and the Rev. Edward P. Stimpson and John B. Alliger were chosen *Clerks*, *pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the Synod were read.

\* Took his seat on the *third* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *eighth*.

† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.



## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

## ARTICLE I.

## ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

## ARTICLE II.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. James Murphy, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D. D., and William Reiley ; and the Elders, William B. Gaston\* and George Zabriskie.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Brogun Hoff, Benjamin Bassler and John I. Quick ; and the Elders, John G. Mynderse and Myndert Veeder.

*On Missions.*—Rev. James Romeyn, David Murdock, and John E. Miller ; and the Elders, Minot C. Morgan and Holmes Van Mater.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Abraham I. Labagh, and Elbert S. Porter ; and the Elders, Philip V. N. Morris and William B. Crosby.

*On Overtures and Judicial Business.*—Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Cornelius L. Van Dyck, and Cornelius Van Santvoord ; and the Elders, William Hulsapple and Lambert Norton.

*On Accounts.*—Rev. John B. Steele, Jacob West, and John Gardner ; and the Elders, John Covert and Jacob Wyckoff.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., James Romeyn, and Duncan Kennedy, D. D. ; and the Elders, Garret L. Dox and Josiah Burritt.

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\* The Elder W. B. Gaston having obtained leave of absence, the Elder Henry S. Ditmas was substituted in his place.

*On Education.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, William R. Gordon and John G. Johnson ; and the Elders, John Q. Wilson and Henry I. Kip.

*On Nominations.*—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., Jacob C. Sears, and Francis M. Kip ; and the Elders, Peter Simmons and Horatio P. Allen.

*On the Widows' Fund.*—Rev. Matthias Lusk, Martin V. Schoonmaker, and Paul D. Van Cleef ; and the Elders, Isaac Van Vechten and Charles Dusenberry.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*Synodical Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, adopted at their meeting in New Brunswick, July 15th, 1846.*

The Committee on Synodical Reports respectfully present the following Report :

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in stated session in the Theological Hall, at New Brunswick, July 14th, 1846.

The following members were present :

Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D.,	Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D.,
“ E. Wiggins,	“ M. W. Dwight, D. D.,
“ J. Schoonmaker, D. D.,	“ Francis M. Kip,
“ G. W. Bethune, D. D.,	“ Ira C. Boice,
“ J. A. H. Cornell,	“ E. Holmes,
“ Wm. Demarest,	“ J. Murphy, D. D.,
“ C. L. Van Dyck,	“ D. A. Jones,
“ Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,	“ R. P. Lee.
“ Wm. A. Cornell,	

The Classis of New York, South Classis of New York, Schenectady, Watervliet, Passaic, Illinois and Michigan, were not represented at this meeting.

After an address to the Throne of Grace, by the Rev. Dr. Schoonmaker, the Board was organized by the election of the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Robert P. Lee, *Clerk, pro tem.*

The Rev. Ransford Wells having resigned the office of Stated

Clerk of the Board, Rev. David D. Demarest was elected to fill the vacancy.

From the Report of the Theological Faculty, the following information is derived.

There have been twenty-six students in attendance throughout the year, viz. :

*Of the Senior Class.*

Nathan Chapman,	Abel T. Stewart,	Benjamin Murden,
Jacob Dutcher,	George Van Nest,	Cyril Spaulding,
Sefrenus Seeber,	James Compton,	P. D. Van Cleef—9.

*Of the Middle Class.*

Nathan Conklin,	Richard H. Steele,	John H. Manning,
Daniel Lord,	J. A. Davenport,	A. R. Van Nest—6.

*Of the Junior Class.*

Cornelius D. Elting,	John A. Todd,	Charles S. Stitt,
Philip Peltz,	P. Van Wyck,	Wm. H. Ten Eyck,
John Steele,	J. W. Hammond,	R. Van Brunt—11.
Peter Stryker,	Samuel Y. Searle,	

Of these students the Faculty say : “ In the regular course, Mr. George Van Nest would have been licensed with the gentlemen of the last Senior Class, but the loss of his parents imposed upon him an amount of secular business which rendered necessary the suspension of his studies for a year.

“ The Faculty do not feel called upon to make any particular statement with regard to the attendance and proficiency of the students during the year.

“ The religious deportment of the young gentlemen has been praiseworthy ; and in various ways they have contributed to promote the interests of religion in the city and vicinity. The erection of a Bethel in the lower part of the city, for the special benefit of boatmen engaged on the canal, is in a great measure owing to the active exertions of a member of the present Senior Class. And it is gratifying to the Faculty to be informed, that some of the members of the Middle Class are engaged to spend the coming vacation in colporteur services in the more destitute parts of this State.”

The Faculty have presented two matters to your Board, which it seems proper should be acted upon by the General Synod.

The FIRST is a suggestion that a change might profitably be made in the requisition of all the students in the College to study the French language as a part of the regular course in the institution for which an additional charge is made. The Theological Faculty say : “ Without feeling a disposition, or even a liberty to remark on this regulation, in its general bearing, the experience of its operation upon the Theological department induces the Faculty to present the subject to the Board of Superintendents. The

extra charge is not great in itself, but it is by no means inconsiderable for those who are required to practice the most rigid economy to meet their necessary expenses. Besides, the amount of knowledge acquirable by the present plan is so small, that were an acquaintance with the French language more important than it is in Theology, what is actually obtained would afford but a poor return for the time and money which it costs. That, however, which the Faculty deem of far more importance is, that the time occupied with the French should be devoted to the Greek. In the knowledge of this essential language, the most embarrassing deficiencies are found to exist. Respect for the Board will not allow the Faculty even to attempt to illustrate the consequences of such deficiencies, either upon the course while in the Institution, or upon the results of subsequent study. Should the Board deem the subject of sufficient importance to demand the attention of the Synod, perhaps such an arrangement might be made between that Reverend Body and the Trustees of the College, as would exempt all those in the College who have the ministry in view, and who may wish it, from the obligation to study the French language, as well as from the obligation to pay for it, while at the same time an arrangement might be made by which a larger attention to the study of the Greek would be secured."

The Board thus bring the subject before the Synod, as by your Reverend Body alone can the arrangement, if deemed proper, be altered.

The SECOND suggestion of the Faculty is embraced in the following resolution, unanimously adopted :

*"Resolved,* That the Board of Superintendents earnestly recommend to General Synod a liberal appropriation of money to purchase a greater number of systematic and historical works, commentaries, books of reference, and others fitted for the use of the students in the Theological school, as the library is at present very deficient in these branches."

Our gratitude is due to a kind and gracious God for the measure of health imparted to our Professors and Students during the past year. The course of instruction and study has not been interrupted by sickness, nor has death invaded their ranks, as in the preceding year. Yet it is worthy of notice that the number of our students of Theology has been diminished. To what this may be attributed, your Board cannot say. But there does not appear any good reason why our School of the Prophets should not be more largely supplied with pupils.

The examination of the students heretofore named, was continued for the greater part of two days on the various branches of study pursued in this institution. They also exhibited specimens of composition and preaching. Whereupon it was

*Resolved,* That the examination be sustained, and that the present Senior Class, who have appeared before the Board, be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate to entitle

them to examination before the several Classes to which they belong, for the purpose of being licensed to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

The seats of the following members of the Board become vacant at the time of the next annual meeting of the General Synod, viz. :

Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., *of Classis of New York.*

“ Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., *of North Classis of Long Island.*

“ F. M. Kip, *Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

“ C. L. Van Dyck, *Classis of Ulster.*

“ E. Holmes, *Classis of Rensselaer.*

“ E. Wiggins, *Classis of Paramus.*

On the subject of a change of the time of the annual examination of the Theological School, specially referred to the Board by the last General Synod, we would say to the Synod—

That the Board are not prepared to effect any change on this point, believing that instead of diminishing the period of study in the Seminary, it might rather be lengthened.

The annual sermon before the Board, was preached on the evening of the first day of their session, by the Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., and at the close of their examination, an address was made to the students by Rev. Charles Whitehead, according to appointment; and prayer having been offered, the Board adjourned. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

M. W. DWIGHT, *President.*

A true copy from the original Minutes.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk of the Board.*

A communication was received from the Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, resigning his seat, for reasons therein stated, as a member of the Board of Managers of the Sabbath-school Union of the General Synod, and also of the Board of Foreign Missions. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted.

Communications were received from the Classes of Albany, Ulster and Montgomery, recommending suitable persons to receive aid in the prosecution of studies preparatory to the gospel ministry, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York, transmitting to Synod a report of a committee of said Classis on a request from the German Mission Church, to solicit a dispensation in behalf of Mr. John G. Hahn, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An Extract was received from the South Classis of Long Island, requesting the permission of Synod to erase the name of Rev. Isaac P. Labagh from the roll of their members ; he having been admitted to orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church since his suspension from the ministry by said Classis.

*Resolved*, That the request of the Classis be granted.

A report was received from the South Classis of Long Island, in regard to their action on the subject of the Widows' Fund, in accordance with the direction of the last Synod, contained on page 90 of their Minutes, which was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

A communication was received from Mr. Charles Van Wyck, in relation to the republication by him, of a work called "Songs in the Night," which was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Rev. Douw Van Olinda, in behalf of himself and the Trustees of Fonda Academy, in relation to the transfer of said Academy to the General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the endowed Scholarships in the Theological College, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, the report of Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, together with accounts current of said Board with the Board of Education and the Widows' Fund.

So much of the above Report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund ; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education ; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The Board of Direction respectfully report : That their meetings during the past year have been as frequent as the business entrusted to them has required ; and that all their proceedings have been with entire and accustomed unanimity.

The Synod, at its last meeting, approved the work of a committee previously appointed by them, and who had selected a large number of hymns to be added to the psalmody of the Church, and resolved, that the Board of Direction be empowered to carry out the necessary arrangements for the printing, in conformity with the suggestion of the committee, when the committee should have consummated their work. (See Minutes of Synod, 1846, pp. 95, 96.)

The chairman of the committee having signified the completion of the work, the Board, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, after correspondence and personal conference, in September last, entered into a contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, for the publication of ten thousand copies of the Psalm and Hymn-book, in the manner directed by General Synod at their last meeting, from stereotype plates, to be furnished by Mentz & Rovoudt at their own expense, and to be equal in all respects to the Psalm-books of our Church heretofore published by them; that the said books should be sold at \$1 25 per copy for the large, or 12mo size; 62½ cents for the small, or 24mo size; and 25 cents for the new book of additional hymns, with a deduction of twenty per cent. where one dozen or more copies are purchased at one time; the books to be sold in sheets, when requested, deducting the price of binding, and a full supply to be constantly furnished to the churches; and upon the expiration of the contract, if Synod should not see fit to continue Mentz & Rovoudt as publishers, the Synod shall take the stereotype plates at their appraised value, to be determined by appraisers, one to be appointed by each of the parties to the contract; and if they cannot agree, they to appoint a third person, and the decision of any two of them to be conclusive and binding upon the parties to the contract. A copyright of the new selection of hymns has been taken out.

The condition of the Widows' Fund remains almost without change. The opinion of the Board in reference to the feasibility of the plan of this fund and of its great importance, continue as expressed in their last Annual Report. They greatly regret the apparent apathy of ministers and churches on the subject.

During the year there has been received from collections

applicable to this fund, - - - - -	\$163 73
From subscribers there has been received, - - - - -	701 20
The income of the year amounts to - - - - -	1,829 51

The number of contributing subscribers, is *fifty-one*.

There are at present seven annuitants on the fund—

One of whom receives, per annum, - - - - -	\$75 00
One " " " - - - - -	150 00
One " " " - - - - -	175 00
One " " " - - - - -	100 00
Three receive \$200 each, " - - - - -	600 00

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Total amount of annuities, - - -	\$1,100 00
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The additional rules and regulations made by General Synod at their last meeting, for the government of the fund, and which interfere with the rights of previous subscribers, the Board have regarded as not applicable to such previous subscribers.

The Treasurer of Synod has received from the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions \$1,265 07, paid from Mrs. Hornbeck's estate, and of this amount, has invested \$1,200, and also \$250 heretofore received from the estate of Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased. The interest on these amounts is to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Since the last meeting of Synod, there has been received from the estate of Mrs. Hornbeck, to be equally divided between the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$428 47. As the Board of Domestic Missions are understood to be, at present, in great need of funds, it is submitted to Synod whether the money derived from Mrs. Hornbeck's estate, for its benefit, should not be paid into its treasury.

The Treasurer's accounts, herewith transmitted, will show particularly and in detail, the state of the several funds. The investments on bond and mortgage are believed to be all well secured, and the interest thereon is punctually paid.

One of the outstanding subscriptions towards the endowment of the third Professorship has been collected during the past year; and the Board are endeavoring to call in all that are attainable. A number of these subscriptions are irrecoverably lost.

It has been the happiness of the Board to meet the Synod for many years, from year to year, with the report that the Treasury had been able promptly to pay all claims upon it. They, however, have repeatedly been constrained to inform the Synod, that its ordinary expenses and its entire actual income were so nearly balanced, that in case any unusual expense should be incurred, unless extra means were provided to meet it, the treasury would become embarrassed.

The Board greatly regret the necessity that is now laid upon them to inform the Synod, that the apprehended embarrassment has occurred. They have been compelled to resort to loans, to some extent, in order to pay the Professors' salaries as they have fallen due, and the Treasurer estimates that under the present obligations of the Synod, with the punctual collection of all their dues, the treasury will, on the first of September next, be deficient \$1,611 86.

This state of things has been mainly produced by the payment, in two recent successive years, directed by Synod, of a debt of \$1,500 to the Trustees of Rutgers College, no special provision of funds having been made to meet such payment. The Board are anxious that immediate measures be taken to relieve the treasury from this embarrassment, and recommend, either, that collections for this purpose be taken in all the churches, or, perhaps—what will be more promptly and certainly effectual—that a special agent be



appointed to raise the amount required, and also, some additional means to complete the repairs on the Synod's property in New Brunswick, which the collections for contingent expenses directed last year, have failed to effect.

John Mason, Esquire, of New York, has made a communication to the Board intimating a purpose on the part of a person not named by him, to endow a Scholarship in the Theological College at New Brunswick, and proposing, in the meantime, that the interest thereon be paid; which communication has been referred to the Board of Education, and Mr. Mason requested to pay them the interest until the principal sum for the endowment shall be paid into the treasury of Synod.

William B. Crosby, Esquire, has been appointed to give to General Synod any farther information that may be required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX,

W. B. CROSBY,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

} *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

*New York, 1st June, 1847.*

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in  
account with ISAAC YOUNG, their Treasurer.*

1846.		Dr.	
June	2	To cash paid Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	\$393 75
	3	“ “ John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of the interest due on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College,.....	850 00
		“ “ Peter Spader, disbursed by him for repairs to Rutgers College,.....	39 40
	5	“ “ Rev. Dr. Alexander McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437 50
	8	“ “ Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	15	“ “ Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, advanced by him to the door-keepers, for attendance, &c., and printing for General Synod, at Albany, the present month,.....	21 10
		“ “ John A. Gray, for printing an Index to Volume VI., of Minutes of General Synod, paper, &c.,.....	60 54
	27	“ “ Isaac Young, Treasurer, &c., one year's salary, due 10th inst.,..... \$250 00 Postage and discount,..... 70 For management of the Widows' Fund,..... 150 00 And postage and discount,..... 1 03	401 73
July	1	“ “ Rev. John Garretson, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, his travelling expenses to Philadelphia, in the month of May last,.....	15 00
	20	“ “ John A. Gray, for printing the Minutes of General Synod, of their session at Albany, in the month of June last, paper, binding, &c.,..... \$201 13 And for 250 circulars for the Widows' Fund,..... 3 50	204 68
August	8	“ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one year's interest on Henry Rutgers donation of \$5,000 to Rutgers College, due 20th July last,.....	300 00
		Carried forward,.....	\$3,117 45

1846.		Dr.		
		Brought forward,.....		\$3,117 45
August	12	To cash paid John Compton, Janitor of Rutgers College towards his salary for six months, due 25th July last,.....		50 00
Sept'mbr	4	" " Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....		393 75
	10	" " Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer, &c., on account of one sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Domestic Missions,.....		227 37
		" " William R. Thompson, Treasurer, &c., on account of one sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Synod's Board of Missions,.....		227 38
		" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....		437 50
	18	" " Rev. A. N. Kittle, his subscription for one year to the Widows' Fund withdrawn,....		20 00
	25	" " Rev. Isaac S. Demund, this amount heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,.....		205 00
		" " William H. Degroot, loaned him on his bond and mortgage,.....		2,000 00
	29	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....		393 75
October	10	" " Rev. James Otterson, his subscription for two years to the Widows' Fund, withdrawn,....		40 00
	27	" " The travelling expenses of the delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, viz.: Rev. James Romeyn,.....\$26 87 Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D.,.....28 00		54 87
November	2	" " Clarissa M. Wood, annuitant, due to her out of the income of the Widows' Fund for six months to 1st inst.,.....		87 50
		" " Mary Bourne, annuitant, due as above,.....		50 00
		" " Lydia M. W. Sluyter, due as above,.....		100 00
		" " Rev. Z. H. Kuypers, due as above,.....		100 00
		" " Maria Rudy, due as above,.....		75 00
		" " Catharine E. Van Wagenen, due as above,...		100 00
		" " Jane Hunt, annuitant, for one year up to 1st inst.,.....		75 00
December	2	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....		393 75
		" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....		393 75
	4	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theol. College, due 1st inst.,.....		437 50
Carried forward,.....				\$8,979 57

1846.		Dr.	
		Brought forward,.....	\$8,979 57
Decembr	5	By cash paid John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of the interest due on the invested Scholarships up to 4th inst.,	850 00
	16	“ “ John D. Keese, Treasurer, &c., the balance of the interest due on the invested Scholarships up to 4th inst.,.....	109 00
	18	“ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., amount collected in various churches up to 4th inst., for the expenses of Rutgers College,.....	171 67
		“ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., three dividends on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,...	17 40
		“ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one half of the salary of the Librarian of Rutgers College, for one year ending 1st April, 1847,.....	\$50 00
		And for fuel for the current year, ending 25th July next,.....	20 00
			70 00
1847.			
January	16	“ “ North River Insurance Company, premium on \$3,000 insured on Rutgers College to 15th January next,.....	\$18
	22	“ “ Greenwich Insurance Company, premium on \$5,000 insured on Rutgers College to same date,.....	30
	26	“ “ John Compton, towards his salary for six months, as Janitor of Rutgers College, due 25th inst.,.....	48 00
March	2	“ “ Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	50 00
	5	“ “ Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
		“ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
April	8	“ “ George W. Lent, Executor, &c., for an assignment by him to General Synod, of a bond of George Miller to him for \$3,000, upon which \$2,000 remains due—secured by a mortgage on a house and lot in the city of New York,.....	437 50
May	1	“ “ Clarissa H. Wood, due to her out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months to this day,.....	2,000 00
		“ “ Mary Bourne, annuitant, due as above,.....	87 50
		“ “ Lydia M. W. Sluyter, due as above,.....	50 00
		“ “ Rev. Z. H. Kuypers, due as above,.....	100 00
		“ “ Catharine E. Van Wagenen, due as above,...	100 00
		“ “ Maria Rudy, due as above,.....	75 00
		“ “ Jane Hunt, due as above,.....	75 00
	26	“ “ Rev. Philip Duryee, D. D., his subscription to the Widows' Fund for one year, withdrawn,.....	37 50
			20 00
		Carried forward,.....	\$14,090 64

1847.

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		Brought forward,.....	\$14,090 64
May 28	By cash paid Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, his salary for one year, as Stated Clerk of General Synod, and postage paid by him,.....		150 97
"	" The following persons, their travelling expenses, &c., incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New Brunswick, 14th July, viz. :		
	Rev. Ransford Wells, including disbursements as Stated Clerk,.....	\$21 50	
	" Ebenezer Wiggins,.....	6 75	
	" Edwin Holmes,.....	10 00	
	" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,.....	3 00	
	" William Demarest,.....	11 00	
	" James A. H. Cornell,.....	7 50	
	" Francis M. Kip,.....	6 94	
	" Robert P. Lee, Junr.,.....	5 00	
	" David A. Jones,.....	12 00	
	" Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,.....	22 00	
	" James Murphy, D. D.,.....	13 00	
	" Ira C. Boice,.....	6 00	
	" William A. Cornell,.....	4 00	
	" Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D.,.....	3 00	
	" David D. Demarest, Stated Clerk, expenses and disbursements,..	4 13	
	" Charles Whitehead,.....	5 00	
	" Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,.....	2 62	
	" Abraham Messler, D. D.,.....	11 50	
	" Maurice W. Dwight, D. D.,.....	4 50	
			169 44
June 1	To balance in Bank of New York,.....		\$3,941 88
			<u>\$18,352 93</u>

1846.	Cr.	
May 30	Balance brought from account rendered this day,.....	\$3,017 08
June 3	By cash received, a dividend on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College,.....	11 50
5	" " six months' interest on bond for \$4000, due yesterday,.....	120 00
26	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amounting to \$26,000,.....	730 00
31	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due this day,.....	105 00
August 11	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2000, due 29th July last,.....	60 00
14	" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixths of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign & Domestic Missions, \$336 00 Deduct discount on uncurrent notes,..... 1 25	334 75
28	" " six months' interest on bond for \$1,000, due 13th inst.,.....	30 00
Sept'mbr 17	" " six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 1st May last,.....	150 00
19	" " of Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer, &c., on account of \$1,961 37, heretofore paid to him, arising from the bequest of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, to Synod's Board of Domestic Missions, and now returned for investment,....	1,265 67
21	" " for interest up to 6th inst., on bonds, amounting to \$9,600,.....	663 00
	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105 00
October 20	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,800, due 27th inst.,.....	84 00
21	" " six months' interest on two bonds, amounting to \$3,500, due 16th inst.,.....	105 00
	" " of William Y. Miller, Executor, &c., of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, on account of two sixth parts of her residuary estate, devised by her to the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$94 00 Deduct dis. on uncurrent notes, 28	93 72
Novembr 5	" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 1st inst.,.....	180 00
	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th Oct. last,.....	75 00
6	" " six months' interest on bonds for \$6,800, due this day,.....	249 00
11	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d Oct. last,.....	60 00
Carried forward,.....		\$7,488 12

1846.		Cr.	
		Brought forward,.....	\$7,488 12
Novembr	12	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for \$8,500, due 3d Oct. last,.....	255 00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	300 00
	25	" " six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 1st inst.,.....	150 00
	30	" " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	350 00
		" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 21st inst.,.....	180 00
Decembr	1	" " six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 8th inst.,.....	150 00
	2	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amount- ing to \$26,000,.....	780 00
	3	" " of C. Zabriskie, for a dividend on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College,.....	8 62
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due this day,.....	120 00
1847.			
January	29	" " the principal, and six months' interest to this day, due on the bond of Jas. Dean,.....	2,060 00
February	8	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 31st January last,.....	105 00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for \$1,000, due this day,.....	30 00
March	3	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105 00
April	19	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 16th inst.,.....	105 00
	30	" " six months' interest on bond for \$8,500, due 3d inst.,.....	255 00
May	1	" " twenty-three days' interest on \$2,000, to this day, on a bond assigned to General Synod on the 8th April last,.....	7 56
		" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 24th March last,.....	70 00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th April last,.....	75 00
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 1st inst.,.....	180 00
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,300, due 27th April last,.....	84 00
		" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,300, due this day,.....	249 00
	7	" " of Maria A. Kissam, the principal of her subscription to the permanent fund,....	500 00
	12	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amount- ing to \$26,000,.....	780 00
	14	" " of John Outhout, his subscription to the Widows' Fund,.....	100 00
	20	" " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	300 00
	22	" " of Francis T. Luqueer, his subscription to the Widows' Fund,.....	25 00
Carried forward,.....			\$14,812 30

1847.	Cr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$14,812 30
May 25	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 1st inst.,.....	150 00
26	" " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	350 00
28	" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 21st inst.,.....	180 00
	" " for the Widows' Fund, collected in the Ref. Dutch Churches, at—	
	Manhattan, New York,.....	\$7 16
	Franklin st., New York, balance,.....	2 46
	Collegiate Church, New York,.....	69 61
	Bleecker street, New York,.....	20 00
	Fishkill Village,.....	13 50
	Market street, New York,.....	51 00
		163 73
	" " for the contingent expenses of General Synod, collected in the Reformed Dutch Churches, at—	
	Bergen,.....	\$9 00
	South Church, Brooklyn,.....	11 50
	Montgomery,.....	11 03
	Williamsburgh,.....	8 00
	Second Church, Raritan,.....	7 00
	North Branch,.....	5 00
		51 53
	" " for the contingent expenses of Rut- gers College, collected in the Reformed Dutch Churches at—	
	North and South Hampton,.....	\$12 50
	Tompkinsville,.....	5 00
	Franklin street, New York,.....	15 00
	Collegiate Church, New York,.....	95 17
	Berne,.....	10 00
	Wynants-kill,.....	6 00
	Boght,.....	4 00
	Hudson,.....	10 00
	Jerusalem,.....	10 00
	Tiosiock,.....	4 00
	Saratoga,.....	5 00
	North Branch,.....	5 00
	West New Hempstead,.....	3 00
	From a friend in Easton,.....	1 00
		185 67
	" " of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, viz.:	
	Rev. Samuel Robertson,.....	\$20 00
	" James Donald,.....	20 00
	" William S. Heyer,.....	20 00
	" N. J. Marselus, D. D.,.....	20 00
	" David A. Jones,.....	20 00
	" J. B. Hardenbergh, D. D.,.....	20 00
	" Charles Whitehead,.....	20 00
		\$140 00
	Carried forward,.....	\$15,893 23



1847.

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	Brought forward,.....	\$140 00	\$15,893 23
May 28	By cash rec'd of Rev. Edward H. May,.....	20 00	
	“ Cornelius Wyckoff,.....	20 00	
	“ Isaac S. Demund,.....	30 00	
	“ R. W. Knight,.....	20 00	
	“ William C. Brownlee, D. D.,.....	41 20	
	“ William W. Halloway,.....	20 00	
	“ Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,.....	20 00	
	“ Brogun Hoff,.....	20 00	
	“ Peter J. Quick,.....	20 00	
	“ Henry A. Raymond,.....	20 00	
	“ Joseph Wilson,.....	20 00	
	“ John Abeel Baldwin,.....	20 00	
	“ R. Ormiston Currie,.....	20 00	
	“ John S. Mabon,.....	20 00	
	“ Enoch Van Aken,.....	20 00	
	“ Jacob A. Lansing,.....	20 00	
	“ Ralph Willis,.....	20 00	
	“ John Garretson,.....	20 00	
	“ Samuel M. Woodbridge,.....	20 00	
	“ Charles Jukes,.....	20 00	
	“ Alexander H. Warner,.....	20 00	
	“ Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.,.....	20 00	
	“ Isaac S. Demund,.....	20 00	
	“ William C. Brownlee, D. D.,.....	20 00	
			701 20
“	“ from the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:		
	Philadelphia,.....	\$6 50	
	Watervliet,.....	1 50	
	Washington,.....	2 75	
	South Classis New York,.....	15 00	
	Classis of New York,.....	32 00	
	South Classis Long Island,.....	6 75	
	Bergen,.....	15 00	
	New Brunswick,.....	17 50	
	Schenectady,.....	10 00	
	Ulster,.....	8 00	
	Rensselaer,.....	20 00	
	Paramus,.....	12 00	
			147 00
“	“ for interest on subscriptions to Permanent Fund, of—		
	David L. Haight, 1846,.....	\$30 00	
	David H. Haight, 1846, 1847,.....	60 00	
	Thomas C. Doremus, 1846, 1847,.....	60 00	
	Collegiate Church,.....	600 00	
	John Outhout, 1846, 1847,.....	60 00	
	David W. Wetmore, 1846, 1847,.....	60 00	
	Stephen Van Rensselaer, 1846,.....	300 00	
	Maria J. Kissam, 1846, 1847,.....	60 50	
	Samuel Smith, 1846,.....	15 00	
	Cornelius Duryee, 1845, 1846,.....	30 00	
		\$1,275 50	
May 30	Carried forward,.....		\$16,741 43

1847.	Cr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$1,275 50 \$16,741 43
May 28	By cash rec'd of Francis Olmsted, three years,.....	36 00
	Abraham Van Nest, 1847,.....	300 00
		<u>1,611 50</u>
		\$18,352 93
31	By balance carried to new account, .....	<u>\$3,941 88</u>

[Errors excepted.]

1st June, 1847.

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

THE subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of three thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, }  
W. B. CROSBY. } *Committee.*

New York, June 1st, 1847.

# ANNUAL DIGEST.--1847.

THE Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :—

## FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

### THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey, amounted, on the 1st April, 1847, to..		\$20,250 00
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1847,.....		140 51
Interest due on same Fund, 1st May, 1847,.....		1,330 00
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this Fund during the past year,.....		<u>1,770 00</u>

### LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage of property in the State of New Jersey, is,.....		\$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1847,.....		120 00
Balance in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1847,.....		57 11
There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,.....		<u>170 00</u>

Amount of monies invested by the Board of Direction, for Educational Purposes, on Bonds secured by Mortgages,.....		\$31,085 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1847,.....		195 30
Balance of interest in his hands on same day,.....		<u>921 00</u>

### WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of monies invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widows' Fund,.....		\$11,100 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,...		546 49
Balance of income in his hands, to be distributed,.....		457 43
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto,.....		<u>1,137 50</u>

## PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.

Under this head are included all the monies which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the monies formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz.:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except the Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Churches, which are not accompanied by Mortgages,).....	\$67,565 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 23th day of May, 1847, which is loaned on Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey,.....	2,680 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at.....	575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,.....	510 50
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,...	500 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,.....	\$25,200 00
From which is to be deducted this amount, which it is believed by the Board cannot be collected,.....	5,250 00
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,.....	<u>19,950 00</u>

## BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, during the past year, on Bond secured by Mortgage,.....	\$1,450 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,...	<u>112 07</u>

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF RUTGERS COLLEGE.

There has been received by the Treasurer of General Synod for this object, during the past year, arising from collections in the churches, .....	\$185 67
And there remains a balance in his hands, amounting to,.....	<u>14 00</u>

## MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,.....	\$147 00
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.,.....	<u>261 72</u>

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for this object, during the past year, arising from collections in the churches,.....	<u>\$51 53</u>
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ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX,

W. B. CROSBY,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

} *Directors.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: ABRAHAM VAN NEST, *President*; MESSRS. WILLIAM B. CROSBY, THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN, and REV. JOHN KNOX, D. D., *Directors*; and ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer*.

## ARTICLE V.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Rev. David Elliott, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The following Report was received from the delegates appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

*To the Reverend, the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church, in session assembled, June, 1847.*

The undersigned, delegates of 1846, from your reverend body to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, at their late session at Carlisle, Pa., respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duties of their commission, and were received by the brethren of the German Church with great cordiality. The proceedings of that Reverend Body were characterized by solemnity, order, and directness and brevity of debate. Beside spending a season in special devotion near the beginning of their session, *every evening* was occupied in religious services, by Synodical arrangement. A general and desirable interest was manifestly awakened in the public mind, and a decided religious influence produced, by thus blending the transactions of business with waiting on God. Your delegates are happy to state, that their interests as a branch of the Church Catholic, so far as they are connected with this institution, though laboring, through the usual influence of comparative indifference and stinted contributions, are, on the whole, *prosperous*.

The question of "the relation of baptized persons to the Church of God," involving the nature, uses and influence of that prominent ordinance, had been overtured to Synod at a previous session, and so far as the discussion was now conducted, abundant evidence was furnished that it had awakened a deep and becoming interest, and prompted diligent and earnest investigation.

If it will not be considered beyond the pale of our right to remark, your delegates would frankly state their conviction, that the points at issue between us and the German Church have not been sufficiently examined and discussed, nor do they believe that the public mind of *either Church* was ripe, at the time of our visit, for intelligent, safe, satisfactory, and final action, involving, as a decision does, mutual courtesies, high responsibilities and momentous issues. In view of the magnitude of the points brought into question, there is no occasion for compunction, that surprise and anxiety were felt and manifested, and that adverse position was taken, while at the same time, the subdued tone of discussion at the Synod, the genial spirit of brotherly kindness that prevailed, together with the fact, that conclusions in some points, of no inconsiderable importance were reached with general satisfaction, give assurance of a wise and happy issue, in due time, to the whole matter.

Synod will perceive from their Minutes, that the suggestion of a Committee of Conference, *has not been met* by the appointment of a corresponding committee on the part of the German brethren. A reference of the whole subject to the Triennial Convention was, by them, deemed best, and for reasons which cannot here be stated in detail, your delegates felt disposed to acquiesce in the direction thus given it. There was no discussion of the matters at issue between our churches on the floor of Synod, but full and frank explanations were given in private conversations with prominent members, and in informal conferences, and the course adopted was resolved on by general consent.

It is due to ourselves to say, that in our intercourse with the German brethren, there was *no reserve on our part*, in stating explicitly the prevailing views and feelings of the Dutch Church on the points brought into discussion between us. Nor, *on the other hand*, can we complain of any want of openness in the expression of their sentiments and feelings in reply; and though there has been no formal advance toward an adjustment of present difficulties, yet we feel a gratifying persuasion, that our labor has not been in vain, inasmuch as we have explained and vindicated the misconceived motives of our Church in the course she has pursued—have defined our views of our respective rights under the covenant attending the Convention—have removed, as we hope, erroneous and irritating impressions, thus divesting our relations of embarrassing influences, re-establishing mutual good will and respect, and *leaving nothing to be adjusted between us, save the theological questions, and these solely on their merits*. These we were not commissioned to debate and settle; and they will properly occupy the ensuing Convention.

Respecting the continuance of the Triennial Convention, the prevailing sentiment, so far as we could form a judgment, seemed to be, "Destroy it not, for there is a blessing in it;" and hopes were quite generally expressed, and in some cases strongly, that whatever modification of its terms might be deemed desirable

or even demanded by us, that it should not be entirely abrogated. Under these circumstances, the Chairman of the Committee of Conference has not called the committee together, and it will, of course, in the inconclusive state in which the subject is left, devolve on your Reverend Body to make provision for carrying out the views presented above, by appointing members to the Triennial Convention, unless—which it is not the province of your delegates to suggest or advise—it should be resolved to make some other disposition of the subject, a subject at its but recent commencement fraught with pleasing promise, but now so soon and suddenly become replete with painful embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted.

May 3, 1847.

JAMES ROMEYN,  
THOMAS E. VERMILYE, } *Delegates.*

The following Report was received from the chairman of the committee appointed to confer with a corresponding committee of the German Reformed Synod, (see p. 31,) accompanied with a certified extract from the Minutes of the German Synod, in relation to their action on the subject, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The undersigned, chairman of a committee appointed at the last meeting of General Synod, (Min., p. 31,) respectfully reports :

That he has received the enclosed official communication from the Stated Clerk of the German Synod, which contains a detailed account of their proceedings, in reference to the subject contemplated in the appointment of your committee.

Having declined, as will be seen, the appointment of a Committee of Conference, the undersigned, in accordance with the advice of our delegates, Dr. Vermilye and Rev. J. Romeyn, did not call a meeting of the committee, and now respectfully refers the whole matter, together with the reports of Drs. Ferris and Proudfit, to the General Synod.

JOHN LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

*Philadelphia, June 2d, 1847.*

The action of the Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in reference to the discontinuance of the Triennial Convention, was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the fourth day of the session. At the hour appointed, the subject was taken up, and, after some discussion, it was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., Elias Heiner, Andrew S. Young, and the Elders, Christian

Steiner and Daniel Middlekauff. This committee submitted the following report :

"The committee to whom was referred the action of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, with respect to the Triennial Convention, beg leave respectfully to report,

"That they have felt the duty assigned them to be one of a very delicate character. They cannot but cordially acknowledge the very deep interest manifested by our brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church for the purity and prosperity of our Institutions and Church. And although we may not be able to agree with them in their views of this matter, yet, when their convictions with reference to the responsibilities involved in the relations subsisting between the two Churches are duly considered, we are happy to observe the Christian kindness exhibited in their action. We think their evident aim has been 'to provoke unto love,' and that their 'care for the things of others,' has been expressed in sentiments and language calculated to promote the best feelings of the heart.

"Whilst, therefore, we recognize, in the action of the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church on the matter in question, a spirit in every way commendable, we yet feel constrained respectfully to decline the proposed conference, and that for the following reasons, viz :—

"1. The proceedings thus examined would be liable to misconstruction by those not fully acquainted with the whole subject.

"2. The Triennial Convention, in our judgment, is the body to which properly belongs the consideration of all subjects affecting the interests and welfare of the Churches respectively.

"3. If this subject were referred to a committee, as is suggested, then the final adjustment of the difficulties in the case, could not be had until the next annual meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which will not take place until after the meeting of the Triennial Convention.

"Respectfully submitted.

"DANIEL ZACHARIAS, *Chairman.*"

The report was adopted, and the Stated Clerk instructed to furnish the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., the chairman of the committee appointed by the Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, with an authenticated copy of the action of Synod in this case.

That the foregoing is a true extract from the proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, at its annual sessions, held at Carlisle, Pa., in the month of October, A. D. 1846, is certified by

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

*Chambersburg, Pa., December 9th, 1846.*



A copy of the Minutes of the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of the German Reformed Synod, and of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (New School,) were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, of the German Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church. On taking his seat, the delegate laid upon the table of the Synod twelve copies of the Minutes of the last session of the German Reformed Synod.

The following communication was received from the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., in relation to his commission by the General Synod to visit Holland. The translation of a letter received by him from the Rev. Mr. Rooseboom, Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of Holland, was also presented and read. The papers were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church :*

I gratefully acknowledge the resolutions adopted by the General Synod at their last session, 1846, commending me to the confidence and regard of the Church judicatories, and Christian brethren in Holland. These resolutions, forwarded to me by the Stated Clerk, were received just on the eve of my sailing for Europe on the sixth of June.—I was in Holland fifteen days, from the 16th to the 27th of July, making short visits to the prominent places. The shortness of my stay, and the circumstances attending it, enabled me to take only cursory observation, and precluded particular investigation; but the brief time spent in Holland was replete with associations, and furnished incidents imparting deep interest and great gratification. It is not my province here to advert to these. When at Rotterdam, I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Netherlands Missionary Society, and on the following day, the anniversary services. There were many leading ministers of the Reformed Church of Holland from the different provinces present, with whom I gained a pleasant acquaintance, as well as the officers of the Missionary Society, with whom I had been in correspondence in behalf of our Board of Missions. On reaching the Hague, I found that the General Synod of the Reformed Church, which commences its session on the first Wednesday of July every year, was just at its close. I had an agreeable interview with the Stated Clerk, who said to me, that although the public deliberations of the Synod, since its organization in 1816, were not open to the public, he regretted that I

had not arrived a day or two sooner, that I might have gained acquaintance with the members of the Synod. Here also I became acquainted with some individuals of whom I had heard, and with one or two of whom I had corresponded—able and zealous defenders of the doctrines of the Reformation as embraced in our standards, and in communion with whose spirit I felt edified. In Amsterdam, I became well acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Prins, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Amsterdam, who had so kindly aided Mr. Brodhead in searching the archives for documents and materials relating to the history of our Church in America. He showed me the resolution of Classis at a recent meeting, assigning to our General Synod the permanent ownership of these documents. Allusion had been made in correspondence to a consideration to be paid into the Widows' Fund. I inquired what sum would be expected; to which he replied, that was entirely left to us. I paid him twenty gold willems, amounting to eighty dollars, which was very kindly acknowledged.

Our Stated Clerk transmitted through me, two sets of the series of the Minutes of our General Synod, bound in six volumes; one for the General Synod of the Reformed Church of Holland, and the other for the Classis of Amsterdam, which were ordered in the session of 1845, by this Synod. I received, two or three weeks since, a letter from Rev. Mr. Rooseboom, Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of Holland, accompanied with a complete set of the Minutes of the General Synod from its organization in 1816 to 1846, very neatly bound in ten volumes. A copy of his letter accompanies this. It will be seen that the volumes were ordered at the last meeting of their Synod in July.

When in Holland I received information of a rising spirit of emigration to America, and especially among the (*afgescheidene*) seceders from the Established Church, and had a short interview with the Rev. Mr. Scholte, of Utrecht, recently arrived in this country. The tide of emigration has commenced, and soon two important colonies from this class will be founded in the West.

I renew my thanks to the Synod for the resolutions to which I have adverted, while I desire ever to cherish deep-felt gratitude to the providence of my covenant God, for his watchful care of me and mine, during my short absence from the land of my birth, with its goodly heritage, and the Church of my affection and my service.

THOMAS DE WITT.

The following Report was received from the delegate to the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church:—

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:*

The undersigned, your Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, begs leave respectfully to report, that he has fulfilled his appointment, having just returned

from the session of this Reverend Body, which met in the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, on the 20th ult., and adjourned on the evening of the 31st. Your delegate was received and treated with much Christian kindness and brotherly affection, and was happy to witness that that brotherly love and sincere regard for the welfare and prosperity of these corresponding Churches, holding the same doctrines, and, in the main, agreeing in the same mode of ecclesiastical government, which has existed for many years between them, has not diminished, but rather increased. So may it ever be; for what is the duty of individual Christians towards one another, is the duty of associated Christians and Churches: "*Let brotherly love continue.*"—Your delegate was highly gratified to see evidences, on the part of this old and numerous ecclesiastical body, to maintain within their bounds the purity of doctrine, as laid down in their Confession of Faith and standards, their inculcation of the necessity of holiness of life, practical godliness, and experimental religion in the heart; as also their commendable zeal in missionary operations, both Foreign and Domestic, and especially in the latter. From the Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, it appears that their churches have raised, mainly by collections in the churches, for Domestic Missions, the sum of \$63,522 59. The Board have employed, during the past year, four hundred and thirty-one missionaries; they have one thousand two hundred missionary stations, and have organized during the year, seventy new churches; have also assisted in building fifty-four new church edifices from a special fund, provided for that purpose, which monetary assistance is given only on condition, to weak and new churches, that the whole remaining debt in building these houses of worship, shall be liquidated by the congregations themselves afterwards; and it was reported to the Assembly that these fifty-four churches were all now out of debt for their church edifices thus built the past year. There are twenty-two Synods and one hundred and seventeen Presbyteries belonging to the General Assembly.

Your delegate, in conclusion, is sure, that in regard to the spiritual welfare of this our corresponding sister Church, the prayer of our General Synod is in accordance with his devout supplication, "*Peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces.*"

JACOB SCHOONMAKER.

*Jamaica, L. I., June 2d, 1847.*

Statements in relation to the present state and condition of their respective Churches were made by the Rev. David Elliott, D. D., and Samuel R. Fisher, the Corresponding Delegates; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That these delegates be respectfully requested to prepare an abstract of the statements which they have made to the Synod, and that they hand the same to the Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to introduce their Report, by expressing the peculiar satisfaction it affords them to perceive, even in the limited practice which has for many years past obtained between this and certain other ecclesiastical bodies, (with respect to the subject under consideration,) and in the happy effects produced thereby, the presence and influence of that spirit which has of late animated and warmed the great bosom of the Christian world in so remarkable a degree ; while the hope heretofore cherished by them gathers fresh encouragement from what has recently taken place, that the watchmen (both here and elsewhere) are soon to lift up the voice, and with the voice together to sing—seeing eye to eye, as they will, when “the Lord shall bring again Zion.” And then how blessed the condition of the Holy Catholic Church that must ensue, and how irresistible the motive furnished by the bare contemplation thereof, to pray, “Thy kingdom come,” in obedience to Him who declared the same to be his will, saying, “That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us.” For “behold how good and how pleasant it is (already) for brethren to dwell together in unity !”

Still, it is believed that “to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven,” and before which the end desired and pursued can be better promoted (in most instances) perhaps by individual effort, than by any attempt (which in the meanwhile must fail) at combined action. Nay, it is apprehended that nothing should be undertaken “in word,” which those concerned are not quite sure of being able to accomplish “in deed.” Even where it is evident that the requisite preparation has been made, the cause which is so dear to the heart of every true disciple may yet be endangered, unless the parties so engaged are “careful to avoid the appearance of evil,” as well as “to do unto others what they would have others do unto them.”

And it is delightful to observe that such, in the main, is the kind of intercourse which has so long existed between the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch, and the Synod of the German Reformed, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches in the United States, and such will doubtless long continue to be its character, if, according to the letter of one of the articles agreed upon by them, and in conformity with the tenor of the whole compact entered into, the ministers of either, shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the ministers of the other.

From the accompanying report of Dr. Schoonmaker, who has just arrived from the General Assembly held at Richmond, Virginia, and the lucid statement made by Dr. Elliott before this Synod, it is manifest that our brethren there are “steadfast, unmovable, abounding in the work of the Lord,” nor need it be feared

that their labor will be in vain. Peace shall be within their walls and prosperity within their palaces !

A copy of the Minutes of the other General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, convened in Philadelphia, May, 1846, having been put in their hands, the Committee on Correspondence feel it a duty to suggest, whether an acknowledgment is not due to those from whom that mark of attention and courtesy has been received, and whether it does not call for a similar token of regard and good-will in return ?

In "the Acts and Proceedings" of the last German Reformed Synod, in the able address of the Rev. Mr. Fisher, and in the written report of Drs. Romeyn and Vermilye, there is the most striking proof of the rapid advancement that Church is making towards high denominational distinction and power.

To the Committee on Correspondence was likewise referred the important matter brought to view in the report of the delegates from this body to the German Reformed Synod in the autumn of 1846, as well as in the report of the special committee previously appointed to confer with one which it was supposed might be appointed by that Body, together with all that has been published by authority in relation to it ; and the Committee on Correspondence have concluded upon what is annexed, as the result of their deliberations, viz.: That while the report furnishes occasion for congratulation at the tokens of divine favor which are continued to that branch of Zion, and notwithstanding the warm gratification manifestly felt by our delegates at the cordial and respectful reception given them, there remains a question of grave import between us, whose satisfactory adjustment involves no small degree of difficulty. It will be readily understood that allusion is made to the questions of doctrine, and of action under the Convention, which were the subjects of overture at the last session, and which it was proposed to refer for mutual consultation to a joint committee of both Synods. Your committee believe that the personal assent given by the delegates to the wishes of the German brethren, and the concession made to the decided preference expressed by them for deliberation on the subject in hand by the Convention, and not by the proposed committee, will, in view of the circumstances of the case meet a unanimous approval. While the moral results which your delegates hope were reached, are such as "become saints," and are eminently favorable to peaceful and righteous conclusions, *the main question* still remains to be met, whether in the judgment of the Synod, the Triennial Convention should be continued under existing or modified terms, or whether its entire abolishment and restriction to our former mode of Christian intercourse will be most expedient. It may shed light on the path of duty on this delicate question, to recur to the *original design* in the formation of the Convention, to the *method of operation* proposed, and to the *prospect* of special beneficial results, so far as the past may legitimately be deemed to forecast the future. We quote from the record, when

we say, the general object "proposed," was, "*a closer union between the two Churches.*" The "*common origin, the close connection between our history and sympathies,*" our "*adherence in part, at least, to the same standards, and the identity of our form of government,*" were urged as reasons for it. A contrast was presented between "*the comparatively narrow geographical limits and near prospect of the redundant ministry*" of the one Church, and the "infant institutions, scanty ministry, extended bounds, and swelling tide of population of the other." While "*entire amalgamation at present*" was disclaimed, this, by implication at least, was clearly brought into view as the direct tendency and ultimate design. Immediate enlargement of plan ensued, beyond the original comparatively narrow bounds of correspondence by delegates, co-operation, joint positive action was proposed and provided for—rights were reciprocally defined and conceded—the doors of our pulpits in each Church were thrown open to the ministers of the other. *Inducements* were held forth by the legislation of the Reformed Dutch Church to our young men to turn their attention to the destitutions of the German field. A contingent appropriation toward missions in the German Church was voted. Feeble churches were left at liberty, where there was a mixed population to select their relation with either Church, and liberty was given on the one hand and encouragement presented on the other, "to go up and possess." Such are the features of the relation constituted at the time of the formation of the Triennial Convention, and to this scheme of operation that Convention was directly subsidiary. It is with no unfriendly voice that your committee now advert to the subsequent course of events and the present state of our relations, and they desire simply to set forth *facts*, divested of all censorious or offensive implication, with a view to obtain guidance for a practical judgment as to the best manner of disposing of difficulties that undeniably embarrass our relation. Up to the time of attempted action under the Convention, there had never been anything, even of the most trivial nature, to disturb the perfect tranquillity that so delightfully characterized our relations—nothing to amount to so much as a ripple on a summer's sea. Very shortly, if not immediately after the consummation of the plan of union, publications from sources which we were not at liberty to disregard, produced well nigh a general conviction throughout our own Church, that, be the *merits of scriptural truth* on which side they might, there *existed in fact* no small diversity of opinion between us on some important points—a diversity which was not apprehended to exist at the time of the formation of the Convention. The Reformed Dutch Church was not alone in directing her attention to these. Whether in doing so she is liable to the imputation of undue "care" over our sister Church, or whether she only exercised a warrantable prudence in her own defence, and paid a becoming tribute to what she apprehended to be established views of truth and order, it is not the province of your committee to determine; yet it is presumed, that

the right and duty to discuss and pass a judgment on issues from the press from any quarter, is unalienable, and can never be covenanted away. Moreover, the uncommanded action of individuals of a given communion cannot be justly laid at the door of the whole body. By the Constitution of both of our Churches, Classes have the undoubted right to make overtures, and the Synod are bound according to its judgment to respond. Without dwelling on vindicating considerations, however, the fact your committee wish to bring to view is, that dissent from each others' views, has been freely expressed, sufficiently marked and strong to destroy, unless it can be relieved, the basis of special co-operation as proposed. The Convention was instituted on the presumption that we were agreed sufficiently to warrant a blending of interests and action in no inconsiderable degree, and it cannot with propriety be converted into an arena for a discussion of theological points, nor furnish occasion for possibly the "shout of mastery, or a cry for being overcome." What would lead to withstanding, as in the case of the beloved Paul and the blame-worthy Peter, if we were already component parts of the same body, would as naturally lead to hesitation and inquiry before entering fully on a plan which contemplated eventually an entire amalgamation. A comparison of views between individuals and the recognized journals of the respective Churches very naturally ensued, and is of value, under the circumstances of the case, not so much for the purpose of settling what is controverted, as for determining the *fact*, and *degree*, and *points* of difference. The results arrived at on this point wear, in the view of your committee, rather a frowning aspect.

Another and a powerful consideration here presents itself, involving well nigh the entire practical results of the whole movement. Although the attention of several of our young men has been turned toward her field of labor, none, it is believed, have succeeded in being presented, much less in finding stations. Discouragements have arisen, and attempts in that direction have entirely ceased, and the broad fact is before us—we waive a consideration of its cause; it possibly may be in ourselves—that *none of the objects proposed by the Convention have been secured*; our union is not closer, neither have plans of usefulness been set on foot; there are none in prospect, none in progress. In view of this state of things, the question presents itself with imposing importance, *What is to be hoped for, by a continuance of the arrangement?* It involves expense, labor and legislative supervision. It has proved anything but a means of promoting harmony, and has not effected anything that cannot be as fully secured by a correspondence through delegates. Though some may point the finger, and say in taunt, these men began to build but were not able to finish, a silencing reply is ready,—Even though we have failed to secure the end *immediately proposed*, viz., a more perfect and efficient union, the very attempt will be found not to have been entirely a fruitless one. It displays the tendencies of Christianity. It is a

proof of the existence of spiritual affinities between men yet in the flesh, who, though differing in some things, yet hold the Head, and are one in Christ. It is an upheaval of heart, which forms and names and distinct denominational interests will not be able *always* to suppress. The moral glory of such an attempt exceeds the reproach of the remaining infirmity that occasions a failure. We have only mistaken and antedated the time for the glorious issue, when we shall be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment, as we are now one in spirit; and if our present assimilation of views is not sufficiently great to produce full formal co-operation, it need not prevent—through Christ, it shall not prevent—the exercise of that mutual forbearance which is the fruit of love, which triumphs in the act of yielding, and converts the very delay caused by infirmity into an occasion and means for securing, with greater certainty, its object. Whatever defeat of warm desires, or postponement of cherished hopes there may be, the Lord reigneth, all will be well, if our respective views of truth are maintained in love, and if in the act of gently untying these special bonds it may only be seen that

Heavenly peace, with balmy wing,  
Shades and bedews the whole.

On these considerations your committee ground their conviction of the expediency of a dissolution of the Triennial Convention. In proposing this, however, they would urge the importance of doing all in the spirit of Christian tenderness, and instead of a summary resolution to that effect, followed by a declinature to appoint delegates to the approaching Convention, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in order that the dissolution, if found to be necessary, may be the result of joint counsel and mutual consent:—

“*Resolved*, That the delegates to the Triennial Convention be instructed to present the foregoing views to the delegates of the German Church, at the approaching meeting—that large discretionary power be allowed them—and that unless in their view the foregoing difficulties can be relieved, and the force of the considerations presented, fully met, that they be directed to urge, and authorized to agree to a dissolution of said Convention, together with an abrogation of all the specialities connected with it.”

The very interesting report made by Dr. De Witt, of his visit to Holland, ought to be printed and spread out before the public eye, not only on the Minutes of this Synod, but also in the columns of the Christian Intelligencer; and in that event, will speak for itself. Nothing therefore remains for the Committee on Correspondence to do, after recommending the payment to Dr. De Witt of the money advanced by him for certain “Documents in relation to the History of our Church.”

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. B. HARDENBERGH, *Chairman*.



*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Nominations, to report double the number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the Triennial Convention.

The venerable delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church having submitted to Synod the following record of the action of the Body he represents, to wit :

“ The General Assembly offer for consideration to the supreme judicatories of those denominations in the United States who are of the description above mentioned, the following propositions :

“ 1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the Synods of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Associate Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the German Reformed Church, will appoint both ministerial and lay delegates, in such numbers as they shall deem proper, to meet in conference at such time and place as shall be hereafter designated, and consult and decide respecting a suitable plan of intercourse, as may be deemed profitable and safe.

“ 2. The results of this conference shall be reported to the several bodies, and shall be regarded as adopted only so far as they shall be approved by each body.

“ 3. This Assembly will appoint a Committee who shall have the charge of previous arrangements, so far as we are concerned, and shall be authorized to communicate with the bodies above named, and confer with any committee by them appointed.”

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Synod have heard this action of the General Assembly with great interest, and regard it as a most important and auspicious movement for bringing into more intimate fellowship the several branches of the Church of Christ holding the same faith and the same views of Church order in this country.

*Resolved*, That the General Synod will most cordially join in carrying out the intended plan of co-operation among the denominations above named.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Nominations submit to this Synod a nomination of a double number of persons, both *primarii* and *secundi*, out of whom five ministers and three elders shall be chosen by ballot, to represent the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the proposed conference.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of delegates to the Triennial Convention to be held at Reading, in August next, when the following persons were chosen, viz. :—Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Thomas

De Witt D. D., Abraham Messler, D. D., James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., Nicholas J. Marselus, D. D., Oscar H. Gregory; and the Elders, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Peter D. Vroom, George W. Morris, Henry I. Kip, Peter Z. Elmendorf, and John Q. Wilson. The Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., was chosen to preach the sermon before the Convention, and the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., his *secundus*.

*Resolved*, That the following persons be appointed delegates *secundi*, to attend the Triennial Convention, in the place of those who may not be able to attend, viz.:—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Alexander McClelland, D. D., James Murphy, D. D., Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., William S. Heyer, Ira C. Boice; and the Elders, George G. Nevius, Smith Bloomfield, Jesse Scofield, Stephen Terhune, Thomas Jeremiah, and Peter Sharpe.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to elect the Committee of Conference on the subject of Christian Union, when the following were chosen: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., John Knox, D. D., Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Duncan Kennedy, D. D., Thomas M. Strong, D. D.; and the Elders, George Zabriskie, Theodore Frelinghuysen, and Philip V. N. Morris.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding Churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen:

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church*: Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., *Primarius*, and the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church*: Rev. Jacob C. Sears and Ransford Wells, *Primarii*, and Rev. Abraham I. Labagh and John H. Duryea, *Secundi*.

## ARTICLE VI.

### SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee consisting of the Rev. James Demarest, William H. Van Doren, and William R. Gordon, and the Elders, William B. Crosby and John Q. Wilson.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report :—

The sources of our information on this subject, so interesting to the churches, do not afford those details which usually gratify and comfort God's people. Sufficient matter is nevertheless furnished by the reports from the two Particular Synods, to call for devout exercises of heart, excite earnest inquiry into the causes of the existing state of our churches, and prompt to increased efforts in holy duty.

The Statistical Tables exhibit thirty-three churches as destitute of stated pastors, out of two hundred and seventy-five; and the Classes, in their several reports, are represented as uniformly speaking one language in reply to the question, What is the state of the Church?—There are not wanting evidences of life and increase, although that increase is, indeed, scarcely perceptible.

The Particular Synod of New York say : “ The churches are in a state of peace; a happy degree of harmony pervades the several congregations, and the temporal condition of several has improved. A very commendable degree of public spirit has been manifested, and the people have contributed liberally to secure means for the prosperity and existence of the churches. All the Classes speak in favorable terms of the external attendance to the preaching of the Word. But while the Word is faithfully preached and there is an earnestness and diligence exhibited by the several pastors, there is a voice of lamentation from the churches. The Word of God seems to fall like rain on the rock, and spiritual barrenness prevails.”

The Particular Synod of Albany tells us, that, “ In all the reports from the Classes are statements of a low state of religion. In many cases the decrease by deaths has exceeded the increase made to the churches during the past year.” That, “ though they have cause to mourn over prevalent indifference, yet they are furnished the grounds of encouragement from the consideration that many hindrances to the progress of the gospel are removed—that the ministry is faithful, the ministrations of the sanctuary are well attended, and the means of grace generally employed—temporal contracts have been better fulfilled, and the incubus on the prosperity of the churches produced by their debts has been removed.”

Thus it appears that while the external order of God's house is regarded, and the churches have been placed in more comfortable position in their temporal affairs, while the worship of the Sabbath and sanctuary are diligently observed, the one grand occasion of lamentation is, the absence of the power of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of this is undeniable. The accession to the churches on confession of faith, according to the reports from the Classes, are only nine hundred and thirty-nine, while the deaths of communicants are five hundred and twenty-seven, and the suspensions are

fifty-eight. Thus leaving the excess of additions on confession, over the deaths and suspensions, only three hundred and fifty-four. Nor can we help viewing the great deficiencies in the receipts into the treasuries of our Boards of Missions as corroborative of this low state of religion, for the year has been in temporal things a year of prosperity, yet has there been a withholding from God of earthly substance more than is meet.

Surely these dealings of God with the churches cannot be without cause. And the inquiry irresistibly rushes upon the mind, Why it is so? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Has he changed his purposes, or altered his grand plan of dealing with Zion? Although clouds and darkness are round about him, yet justice and judgment are the habitation of his throne. He is the same yesterday and forever-more. Doubtless there are causes for the hidings of his face; and we do well to institute solemn inquiry concerning them. Nor are we to suppose that these causes will be found exclusively in any one department of the Church. The ministry, the eldership, the deaconship, the church members, are all involved in this sad estate. No one can say to the other, "Sin lieth at the door," without feeling the obligation to see what sin lieth at his own door. It is a time for searchings of heart, for devout personal self-examination. And while noting the signs of the times, to inquire what part each has borne in this matter. May we not discern causes in the divine mind for tokens of displeasure, in the conformity to the world on the part of Christians, and their having lost sight of their consecration to the service of Christ? Should not the ministry especially lay this matter to heart, while they grieve over the want of success in their work, and feel that the ways of Zion mourn because so few come to her solemn feasts? Has our consecration to our work been marked by entire devotedness of heart? Have we not been conformed to this world, or to an unwarrantable extent pursued its policy, even in the affairs pertaining to the kingdom? Has not the neglect of retirement been a fruitful source of our declension in holy affections, and especially in the ardor of our devotion to the service of the sanctuary? What has spiritual pride effected? May there not have been a seeking for and progress in the methods of our preaching, which has had reference rather to the taste and literary structure and embellishment of our discourses, than to the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus? Has our preaching been distinguished by holy boldness, plainness, fervor, diligence and love? And must we not own, even in our most pious efforts to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom, a melancholy want of that faith in God which has ever been a mighty instrument of efficiency? Has ours been that faith which has "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, out of weakness obtained strength, waxed valiant in fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens?" O how affecting the testimony each must

bear. "They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept."

Moreover, has there been on the part of the watchmen on the walls of Zion that holy, anxious watchfulness for souls which is necessary—that faithful speaking to men for Christ—that importunity with them which is called for? Has pastoral labor been as vigorously urged as the season of dearth demands?

But in the view of the low estate to which the Church is reduced, have our elders and deacons and members looked into the causes which operate within them to occasion the absence of the Comforter? Have they lived and labored for Christ and his cause so as to send forth an influence to bless mankind and honor God? Have they borne their proper share in labors for the Church, and contributions to the Lord's treasury? And well may inquiry be instituted into the decline of interest in the meetings for social prayer, and why they are so thinly attended. Answer may be found in the earthly-mindedness of professors. And God hath testified, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

No marvel, then, that the gracious influences of the Holy Ghost are withheld, when the sins of God's people have grieved him.

But "will God be favorable no more? Will he no more have compassion upon us?" He has not left us without witnesses for himself. Even the small increase he has given may be as the cloud, which at the first is only for size as a man's hand, but which shall increase, and break with blessings on our heads. A few of our churches have had occasion to sing for joy. The church at Bedminster, in the Classis of New Brunswick, has received on confession of faith, seventy. That at the Ponds, in the Classis of Passaic, twenty-two; that at Catskill, in the Classis of Greene, forty-two; and that of Ithaca, in the Classis of Cayuga, eighteen.

It is the source of joy that a work of grace has been vouchsafed to us in our literary institution at New Brunswick. The attention of our youth, while prosecuting their ordinary course of study, has been directed to their spiritual well-being, and some have hopefully passed from death unto life. Our prayers should ascend for the continuance of this gracious favor, and that the holy influence may extend to every one in that institution, so long and so fondly cherished as the hope of the Church. There is also encouragement in the improved condition of many of our churches. Their debts have been paid, and hereby God has placed them under fresh responsibilities to greater liberality to his cause. They are now summoned to a more vigorous prosecution of labor for Christ, who leaves them without excuse, when appealed to, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and thus with others bear their part in evangelizing the world.

But, in every aspect of the case, God has been teaching the churches that success is wholly dependent upon his good pleasure. And this should be to us the occasion of gladness—*Jehovah Jireh*—the Lord will provide. He will work, and none can let it; and

he withholdeth not from us of his Spirit more than is meet. These givings and withholdings instruct us where our strength lies, and prove the utter vanity of human efforts as a ground of dependence. And while we watch and pray that the kingdom may come, we must wait for the salvation of God in full confidence in his word, for His promises are yea and amen.

But while we thus crave the outpouring of God's Spirit, the need of which is so apparent, we must not lose sight of individual obligation to labor for Christ with fresh zeal and vigor. Nor can the Church be guiltless, if in her various relations her energy is not put forth to honor her adorable Head. Our Church is highly favored—evangelical purity of faith entertained where freedom of religion prevails, her holy order and sweet simplicity of worship, demand devout acknowledgment to God, the sincerity of which should be exhibited in holy obedience to him, and that charity towards others of like precious faith, which gladly co-operates in extending the blessings of gospel grace and salvation, as well among the benighted nations of the earth as throughout the vast and constantly increasing multitude of inhabitants in our own land. There is everything to urge us as a Church, to come up to the great work given us to do. Our happy unity of faith, oneness of view, our abundance of worldly goods, our well endowed institutions, all claim that we open our hearts and hands, and with willing minds and cheerful gifts bear an honest and honorable share in the blessed work of evangelizing this sin-cursed world. Let us lay hold upon the promises and do our duty, and we shall know by sweet experience how doubly blessed they are who unreservedly consecrate themselves to God. Nor should we forget the state of men living without God, without Christ, and without hope in the world. If Christians would see the work of the Lord prosper, they must exercise themselves with solemn contemplation of the condition of the impenitent. The tendencies of a low state of religion in the Church are fearful in respect to such. They then are emboldened in sin, or lulled to rest in carnal security. At such seasons they venture lightly to esteem the practice and power of godliness, are readily diverted from attention to their eternal interests, and often rush madly on in sin, until God dresses himself in anger and avenges him of his adversaries. Will not God's people awake to the worth of immortal souls, and to holy efforts for their salvation? Will they not make the cross of Christ more earnestly and constantly their study? In that cross they will find the most solemn exhibitions of the sinner's sad estate, while there the glorious remedy for the maladies of the soul will be discerned. Let them, for the love they bear to Christ and to immortal souls, keep near the cross. *There* is safety, and there only. The nearer they keep to Christ, the more they will breathe of his spirit, and walking as in the light of God, cause men to take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus.

The Committee cannot refrain from the expression of gratitude

to God for his favors bestowed upon the ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in correspondence. It is grateful to learn that although the Presbyterian Church is represented in many sections thereof as in the same low state of religion over which we mourn, there have been special revivals of religion in a considerable number of their churches, particularly in the south and west ; and that a spirit of liberality towards the cause of Missions has been awakened, while there is reason to believe there is an increase of sound religious influence, and a holy determination to carry forward the work which God has committed to them.

There is also occasion for congratulating our brethren of the German Reformed Church on their increase of harmony, and the general and profitable cultivation of their extensive field of labor. They will share our supplications for every good thing in Christ Jesus.

In conclusion, we are admonished to work while the day lasteth, for the night cometh, in which no man can work. During the past year, six standard-bearers in our section of the army of the living God—the aged father, Peter Stryker, after a long life of usefulness ; the devoted and beloved David Abeel, D. D. ; the vigorous and efficient servant of the Lord, Henry Heermance ; the esteemed brother Hugh M. Boyd ; and the youthful brethren, Gilbert McP. Myers and William Thompson—have ceased from their labors, and we trust have entered into the joy of their Lord. Though dead, they yet speak. From their graves comes the voice of admonition in solemn tones, bidding us to look for and hasten unto the coming of the Son of Man, when we must answer the demand he shall make of each of us, “ Give an account of thy stewardship.” Let the admonition be heeded ; let us live and labor for Christ, as in view of that day which shall try every man’s work, of what sort it is.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the ministers of the several churches be requested, upon the receipt of the Report on the State of Religion, to read the same from the pulpit on the Sabbath immediately succeeding.

In view of the low state of religion in the churches, Synod spent a season in special prayer on the afternoon of the ninth day of the session, for the outpouring of the Spirit.

## CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number of Schools.	Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.			
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Ministers without Charge.—Rev. P. Mulder; C. C. Vermeulen; P. I. Van Pelt; J. Neander (missionary to the Jews); J. Mulligan; J. Buckham and W. Boyce, Candidates.—J. L. See and E. F. Murden.



## SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibli- cal Instruction.	Number of Schools		Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Tompkinsville, .....	John E. Miller, .....	.....	.....	142	15	8	5	.....	5	155	15	2	.....	24	1	133	90	Tompkinsville.
South Dutch, .....	John M. Macauley, .....	90	600	251	4	5	15	.....	3	242	10	2	.....	.....	1	120	90	New York City.
Market Street, .....	Isaac Ferris, .....	220	1300	452	6	11	14	.....	4	451	16	1	250	30	1	412	300	New York City.
Washington Square, .....	Mancius S. Hutton, .....	200	1000	243	21	22	12	.....	1	273	23	3	240	25	2	240	160	New York City.
Manhattan, .....	F. F. Cornell, .....	89	.....	182	5	6	4	.....	3	169	15	2	70	70	3	220	180	New York City.
Bushwick, .....	S. H. Meeker, S. C., .....	73	360	159	9	1	2	.....	2	165	21	4	20	20	1	95	80	Williamsburgh.
Courtlandtown, .....	C. D. Westbrook, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Ministers without Charge.*—The Rev. Dr. Mathews; the Rev. John Alburdis; and the Rev. Charles Knouse.

## CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.		Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.
First, New Brunswick,...	Samuel B. How,.....	...	...	...	7	5	4	...	...	...	28	2	...	...	...	...	New Brunswick, N. J.
Second, New Brunswick,...	D. D. Demarest, S. C.,...	33	400	100	6	15	7	...	...	114	5	...	40	...	1	70	New Brunswick, "
Six Mile Run,.....	Jacob C. Sears,.....	170	975	929	4	1	2	...	3	929	16	...	99	40	7	290	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough,.....	J. L. Zabriskie,.....	145	...	...	233	8	1	4	3	235	21	...	...	...	4	...	Millstone, "
Middlebush,.....	John A. Van Doren,.....	75	400	127	3	2	...	4	4	128	9	...	40	25	2	90	New Brunswick, "
Raritan,.....	Abraham Messier,.....	170	935	337	14	11	3	...	2	407	24	...	73	...	4	...	Somerville, "
Second Raritan,.....	Talbot W. Chambers,...	115	575	926	12	12	15	...	1	934	24	3	70	12	3	195	Somerville, "
Bedminster,.....	George Schenck,.....	200	1000	292	70	4	8	...	6	342	31	12	150	70	6	...	Pluckemin, "
North Branch,.....	James K. Campbell,...	100	543	...	2	4	4	...	2	89	11	1	...	16	1	80	North Branch, "
Rockaway,.....	Goyu Talmage,.....	105	450	97	5	4	1	...	...	105	11	1	40	15	1	60	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon,.....	Robert Van Amburgh,...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	Lebanon, "
Griggstown,.....	Jeremiah Lord,.....	91	420	63	3	4	2	...	...	73	8	1	60	...	2	124	Griggstown, "
Spotswood,.....	Vacant,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Spotswood, "
First, Freehold,.....	A. A. Marcellus,.....	130	650	147	8	...	2	...	2	151	11	1	50	...	1	90	Marlboro', "
Second, Freehold,.....	Harvey D. Gause,.....	43	920	36	3	4	...	...	...	43	4	1	40	...	...	...	Freehold, "
Middletown,.....	William Reiley,.....	116	580	110	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	Holmdel, "
Middletown Village,...	A. C. Millspaugh,.....	63	350	63	4	4	...	...	...	76	2	...	35	...	3	75	Middletown, "
Boundbrook,.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	Boundbrook, "

*Ministers without Charge.*—J. S. Mabon; J. J. Schultz; J. T. B. Beckman; J. V. Morris; John Prouditt; H. B. Stryker; Wm. Knight; N. E. Smith; W. J. Thompson. *Candidates.*—C. V. Romondt; N. F. Chapman; Geo. I. Van Nest.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen,	Benjamin C. Taylor, . . . . .	270	1400	291	1	1	8	1	2	232	19	..	60	10	1	130	.....	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
English Neighborhood,	Philip Durvea, . . . . .	41	185	63	..	..	..	..	1	62	3	..	10	..	1	20	.....	English Neighborhood, "
Hackensack,	Alexander H. Warner, . . . . .	125	550	123	2	2	..	..	..	127	9	..	50	20	1	70	.....	Hackensack, Berg. co., "
Schraalenbergh,	Cornelius Blauvelt, . . . . .	152	699	..	4	1	1	..	3	167	15	..	80	..	..	..	.....	Hackensack, "
Belleville,	John Garretson, S. C., . . . . .	145	725	175	1	1	4	..	2	171	13	..	132	95	3	212	.....	Belleville, Essex co., "
Jersey City,	Matthias Lusk, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	2	96	12	..	40	..	1	98	.....	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
Bergen Neck,	James Romeyn, . . . . .	106	..	102	2	..	1	..	1	102	13	..	..	..	2	..	.....	104 Vesey st., New York.
Newark,	James Scott, . . . . .	300	1350	382	10	27	11	..	1	407	25	2	350	70	1	350	.....	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
Clintonville,	John L. Chapman, . . . . .	53	235	56	1	5	2	..	1	57	2	..	25	13	1	60	.....	Campdown, "
New Durham,	W. V. V. Mabon, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	New Durham, Hud. co. "
First church of Van Vorst,	William J. R. Taylor, . . . . .	45	..	..	2	23	1	..	..	24	5	..	30	22	..	..	.....	Jersey City, Hud. co., "

*Candidate, J. N. Voorhees. Post Office address, Hackensack, Bergen county, N. J.*

## CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Communicants.										Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub-Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Pompton.	.....	160	920	137	1	1	5	2	152	7	1	50	3	75	.....	Pompton, N. J.	
Pompton Plains,	Garrit C. Schanck,	176	921	151	2	3	3	3	150	15	1	20	40	80	.....	Pompton, N. J.	
Montville,	John L. Janeway,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pine Brook, Mor. co., N. J.	
Fairfield,	John I. Quick,	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	30	60	Caldwell, Essex co., "	
Preakness,	John A. Staats, S. C.,	54	310	37	2	3	3	3	36	9	2	35	15	1	80	55	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds,	Barnabas V. Collins,	70	.....	66	2	3	2	1	39	8	2	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....
Wyckoff,	Abraham G. Ryerson,	110	670	63	5	.....	.....	1	67	15	.....	60	40	4	100	30	Paterson, N. J.
Little Falls,	Edwin Vedder,	50	250	50	1	1	.....	.....	51	4	.....	20	.....	1	60	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Steene House Plains,	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Minister without Charge.—Z. H. Kuypers.

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools		Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tappan,.....	J. D. Cole,.....	170	300	170	5	..	3	..	5	170	17	..	25	..	1	20	..	Piermont, N. Y.
Clarkstown,.....	P. J. Quick,.....	160	675	163	1	..	..	..	4	160	2	..	45	16	1	..	..	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Acquacknonk,.....	W. R. Bogardus,.....	210	1150	232	2	8	4	..	3	233	23	..	100	..	2	..	..	Acquacknonk, N. J.
First church of Totowa,.....	E. Wiggins,.....	139	317	167	5	3	2	..	9	178	16	..	60	..	1	..	130	Paterson, N. J.
Second church of Totowa,.....	J. H. Duryea, S. C.,.....	140	700	255	1	6	4	..	1	257	28	..	70	20	2	..	200	Paterson, "
Paramus,.....	W. Eltinge,.....	140	760	143	2	2	..	..	7	140	13	..	20	..	1	30	..	Acquacknonk, N. J.
Pasack,.....	{ J. Manley,.....	100	530	110	2	..	..	..	1	113	3	1	20	..	..	..	..	{ Mousey, N. Y.
Saddle River,.....	{ .....	115	540	148	..	..	..	..	1	147	9	..	20	..	1	40	..	{ .....
Hempstead,.....	{ P. Allen,.....	70	300	37	1	3	..	..	1	37	4	1	..	..	1	35	..	{ Mousey, "
Ramapo,.....	{ .....	72	346	63	4	..	..	..	1	67	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	{ .....
Warwick,.....	{ F. H. Vanderveer,.....	63	..	72	1	4	..	..	..	75	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	{ Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack,.....	{ C. S. Hageman,.....	75	325	83	6	5	..	1	1	92	1	1	40	18	1	50	..	{ Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont,.....	{ C. E. Crispell,.....	63	292	42	1	4	2	..	1	44	3	1	25	12	1	55	40	{ Piermont, N. Y.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Brooklyn,.....	M. W. Dwight,.....	140	800	.....	2	11	7	1	1	.....	13	8	45	.....	1	120	100	Brooklyn, L. I.	
Flatbush,.....	Thomas M. Strong,.....	90	500	131	1	5	5	3	3	129	8	.....	25	12	1	95	65	Flatbush, " "	
New Utrecht,.....	R. Orniston Currie, S. C.,	85	475	128	3	5	2	3	3	131	5	.....	60	50	2	146	124	New Utrecht, " "	
Gravesend,.....	Abm. I. Labagh,.....	80	450	93	2	2	2	4	4	91	6	.....	.....	.....	2	125	.....	Gravesend, " "	
Flatlands,.....	{ J. A. Baldwin,.....	70	450	114	3	3	3	2	2	115	8	.....	30	.....	2	30	60	{ Flatbush, " "	
New Lots,.....		50	300	81	1	1	5	2	2	77	15	.....	20	.....	1	50	40		
Central Brooklyn,.....	M. N. McLaren,.....	104	.....	.....	1	4	10	2	2	203	11	.....	60	47	1	107	.....	Brooklyn, " "	
East New York,.....	M. V. Schoonmaker,.....	55	300	66	4	4	3	1	1	70	4	.....	40	25	1	75	60	East New York, L. I.	
South Brooklyn,.....	S. M. Woodbridge,.....	70	.....	74	4	7	.....	1	1	83	8	1	25	15	2	100	.....	Brooklyn, L. I.	
Middle Brooklyn,.....	P. D. Oakey,.....	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	8	.....	.....	.....	1	62	50	Brooklyn, " "	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck and Rev. J. Brodhead.

## NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Jamaica,.....	{	230	1150	196	7	1	2	..	1	201	38	1	60	70	4	130	100	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,.....	{	100	500	133	2	3	1	..	2	135	8	..	50	40	2	100	90	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,.....	{	*93	480	105	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	30	..	..	..	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,.....	.....	*65	313	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh,.....	.....	102	510	135	4	9	10	1	2	135	17	..	70	25	1	168	75	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria,.....	.....	64	..	59	3	2	14	..	..	50	2	..	..	..	1	75	50	Astoria, "
Flushing,.....	.....	47	260	51	8	9	1	..	..	67	9	1	20	..	1	70	50	Flushing, "
* Report of last year.																		
Minister without Charge:—Rev. John H. Sheffield, (Missionary to the West.)																		

\* Report of last year.

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## CLASSIS OF Poughkeepsie.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub-Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Read	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Poughkeepsie,.....	A. M. Mann, S. C.,.....	250	1500	....	1	7	17	2	9	504	17	4	40	30	1	320	200	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Fishkill,.....	Francis M. Kip,.....	....	....	149	2	3	1	1	1	152	4	2	....	....	1	83	....	Fishkill, "
New Hackensack,.....	C. Van Cleef,.....	120	700	218	1	....	....	6	6	213	5	1	15	40	1	30	....	New Hackensack, N. Y.
Hopewell,.....	A. Polhemus,.....	....	....	231	3	2	....	3	3	233	3	2	20	25	2	....	....	Fishkill, "
Hyde Park,.....	A. Elmendorf,.....	92	510	137	3	4	6	5	5	133	5	3	25	15	1	50	40	Hyde Park, "
Glenham,.....	W. A. Miller,.....	45	225	....	1	2	....	1	1	72	1	1	....	40	1	72	60	Glenham, "
Greenbush,.....	H. Vedder,.....	100	500	145	12	1	....	....	....	153	4	....	....	12	5	100	....	Glenham, "
Tugbanick,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pine Plains, "
Rhinebeck,.....	B. Hoff,.....	109	660	245	1	....	3	2	2	241	3	....	....	....	2	120	....	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill Landing,.....	W. S. Heyer,.....	65	200	146	3	5	2	3	3	149	3	1	30	17	1	35	65	Fishkill Landing, "

Ministers without charge—Rev. S. Van Vechten; Rev. B. R. Hall; *Missionary*, Rev. F. B. Thompson.



## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Cou- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.		Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Harlingen, .....	J. Gardner, .....	150	750	278	24	11	6	4	303	17	5	86	---	---	5	300	250	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington, .....	J. Van Liew, .....	200	1000	278	10	3	5	8	278	26	---	85	---	---	5	320	---	Readington, "
New Shannock, .....	G. Ludlow, .....	200	1000	300	9	10	8	6	305	13	1	170	80	5	5	200	---	Flagtown, "
First church Philadelphia, .....	C. C. Van Arsdale, .....	220	1100	452	3	2	4	4	449	13	---	102	243	3	519	421	---	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second " .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	---	" "
Third " .....	G. W. Bethune, .....	160	800	227	12	6	2	1	5	237	12	3	---	---	3	236	190	" "
North & South Hampton, .....	A. O. Halsey, .....	150	750	204	2	1	2	6	197	13	1	---	---	---	7	---	500	Newtown, "
Blawenburgh, .....	J. R. Talmage, S. C., .....	90	550	186	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	45	50	4	160	145	---	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mount Pleasant, .....	J. R. Van Arsdale, .....	80	400	152	2	---	2	2	150	4	---	30	---	---	2	80	70	White House, "
Manayunk, .....	R. A. Quin, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	---	" "
Roxboro', .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	---	" "
Trenton, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	---	" "

*Ministers without Charge.*—P. Labagh; John Ludlow, D. D.; Thomas A. Amerman, and John V. N. Talmage, (Missionary to China.)

# CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

	PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
Hudson,	John Gosman,	Hudson,
First church Claverack,	Ira C. Boice, S. C.,	Claverack,
Second church Claverack,	J. S. Himrod,	" Mellenville,"
Germantown,	J. Boyd,	" Hudson,
Upper Red Hook,	J. G. Johnson,	} Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Luthgow,	{ J. D. Fonda,	} Livingston, N. Y.
Greenport,	Vacant,	
Hillsdale,		

# CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

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## CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Church of Albany.....	D. Kennedy.....	265	1200	451	4	7	5	..	3	451	16	..	..	200	150	Albany.
Second ".....	E. N. Wyckoff, S. C.,.....	277	1322	539	9	18	21	1	3	536	15	1	51	176	152	"
Third ".....	W. H. Campbell.....	110	450	215	6	12	10	1	6	216	9	3	..	150	100	"
Bethlehem.....	R. Willis.....	150	306	150	..	2	3	1	..	148	11	..	30	..	..	Cedar Hill.
Jerusalem.....	S. Van Suijvoord.....	75	445	105	..	..	..	..	3	102	17	..	..	..	..	New Baltimore.
Onisquethaw.....	S. V. E. Westfall.....	65	443	118	..	..	..	..	1	117	7	..	..	..	..	Bethlehem.
Union.....	J. A. H. Cornell.....	131	650	254	3	3	1	3	6	250	13	1	..	..	..	New Baltimore.
New Baltimore.....	S. Robertson.....	60	300	50	2	1	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	Bethlehem.
Coeymans.....	Vacant *.....	65	350	41	5	5	1	..	2	50	5	2	..	..	..	New Baltimore.
Westerlo.....	".....	112	630	159	4	..	..	1	..	93	..	..	30	100	80	Westerlo.
Salem.....	".....	91	445	93	..	..	..	..	..	93	..	..	..	..	..	Salem.
Second church Bern.....	".....	75	450	99	..	..	..	..	..	99	..	..	..	..	..	East Bern.
Knox.....	".....	21	95	30	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	Knox.

\* Supplied by Rev. J. Vandervolgen.

## CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sch. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Read	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.		Number of Schools
Schenectady,.....	J. Van Vechten,.....	200	1200	402	3	6	11	8	392	31	1	207	170	Schenectady.		
Niskema,.....	H. A. Raymond,.....	135	730	232	7	3	5	231	10	1	25	50	3	120	Watervliet Centre.	
Second church Glenville,.....	A. B. Crocker,.....	146	690	194	8	6	2	6	200	17	3	50	4	165	Schenectady.	
Heldersburgh,.....	W. Bailey,.....	135	675	238	5	5	2	1	8	234	7	60	40	7	100	Guilderland Centre.
Amity,.....	W. W. Halloway,.....	85	343	119	1	2	3	5	114	5	1	50	2	50	Vischer's Ferry.	
2d church Rotterdam,.....	John Nott,.....	80	320	65	1	5	1	59	8	1	1	1	1	1	Schenectady.	
Princetown,.....	W. P. Davis,.....	100	400	150	1	1	4	146	10	1	1	1	1	1	Dunsville.	
Day,.....	J. A. Lansing, S. S.,.....	41	165	55	5	5	1	36	1	2	30	45	3	125	100 Day.	
First church Glenville,.....	W. Ingalls,.....	160	800	284	2	1	6	212	269	14	1	1	5	170	Glenville.	
First church Rotterdam,.....	O. S. Mead,.....	160	800	284	2	1	6	212	269	14	1	1	5	170	Hoffman's Ferry.	

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. A. Yates, D. D.; Thomas Romeyn; John B. Steele; J. Vandervolgen, and A. J. Swits, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Bloomingrove,.....	P. S. Wynkoop,.....	55	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	150	.....	Bloomingrove,
Chatham,.....	E. S. Porter,.....	80	425	50	1	4	.....	.....	1	54	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	Chatham Four Corners.
First church Ghent,.....	J. De Witt,.....	45	225	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ghent.
Second. ".....	G. R. Williamson,.....	67	335	118	8	7	.....	.....	1	132	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Kinderhook,.....	B. Van Zandt,.....	200	1000	308	2	10	16	1	3	300	9	.....	.....	.....	4	250	.....	Kinderhook.
Nassau,.....	Edwin Holmes,.....	160	800	254	1	5	1	.....	2	257	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nassau.
Greenbush,.....	E. P. Stimson,.....	250	1300	317	3	2	.....	2	1	318	6	.....	.....	15	5	200	.....	East Greenbush.
Schodack,.....	Vacant,.....	250	1250	317	3	2	.....	1	2	319	6	2	.....	.....	3	150	.....	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,.....	Elbert Nevius,.....	90	450	105	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	109	2	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stuyvesant.

Minister without charge.—A. N. Kittle, Stated Clerk.

## CLASSES OF SCHOLARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Schol- ars.		Average Number of Scholars.	
Scholarie,.....	R. Wells,.....	90	650	115	..	..	..	..	3	112	3	..	40	..	1	..	35	Scholarie C. H.
First church Bern,.....	Wm. Demarest,.....	56	..	72	1	..	..	..	4	69	..	..	36	100	4	..	90	Bernville.
Beaverdam,.....	Jacob West,.....	52	..	115	2	4	..	..	1	110	2	..	..	20	2	..	50	Middleburgh.
Middleburgh,.....	L. H. Van Dyck,.....	80	480	105	2	..	..	..	1	103	8	..	..	..	1	60	50	Gilboa.
Gilboa,.....	Vacant,.....	90	500	103	5	..	..	3	2	103	3	1	..	12	1	123	100	Gilboa.
Conesville,.....	C. Spaulding,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New Rhinebeck.
New Rhinebeck,.....	N. Bogardus,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cobleskill.
Cobleskill,.....	J. West, S. S.,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	65	1	..	..	..	1	60	55	Breakabin.
Sharon,.....	E. S. Hammond,.....	22	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Gallupville.
Breakabin,.....	J. M. Scribner,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Middleburgh.
Gallupville,.....																		
Scholarie Mountain,.....																		

Ministers without charge. → E. Doty, Missionary to China; A. B. Chittenden, Stated Clerk.

## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Northumberland,	H. Slawson,	70	270	119	1	1	1	1	2	117	1	1	1	1	1	50	30	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	C. H. Chester,	70	255	97	5	5	5	5	4	93	2	2	40	1	1	40	30	Schuylerville.
Gansevoort,	John Dubois,	30	200	57	1	1	1	1	1	50	8	50	1	2	70	65	Gansevoort.	
Union Village,	Henry Morris,	100	400	161	4	4	5	1	1	162	1	1	30	40	1	60	40	Union Village.
Easton,	D. A. Jones,	33	100	63	2	1	3	3	3	57	1	1	1	12	1	30	20	North Easton.
Tiostock,	Vacant,	52	210	80	1	1	1	1	2	79	2	1	1	1	1	20	15	Buskirk's Bridge.
Jackson,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.,	43	220	83	2	2	2	2	1	85	1	1	20	1	1	25	1	Pattenville.
Schaghticoke,	Vacant,	40	200	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Stillwater.
Fort Miller,	"	60	200	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Fort Miller.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. Birkby; J. Parry; A. H. Myers; John F. Schermerhorn, Salem.



## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub-Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd. On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Columns.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.
Auriclesville,	G. L. Roof	39	445	41	2	2	—	—	2	41	6	—	—	—	—	Auriclesville.
Canajoharie,	Jas. McFarlane,	134	900	109	—	2	—	—	1	110	4	—	—	1	30	Canajoharie.
Carrolltown,	Vacant,	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Root.
Caughnawaga,	D. Van Olinda, S. C.	163	801	114	1	2	—	—	1	117	5	—	—	2	—	Fonda.
Ephrata,	Charles Jukes,	65	325	63	4	5	—	1	—	76	7	30	1	45	—	Ephrata.
Fort Plain,	C. G. McLean,	25	460	130	3	1	—	—	3	131	12	—	—	1	127	Fort Plain.
Columbia,	Vacant,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	—	—	—	Columbia.
Fultonville,	J. M. Van Buren,	120	600	65	4	4	—	—	1	64	—	—	—	1	70	Fultonville.
Frankfort,	—	50	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Glen.
Glen,	G. L. Roof,	65	325	55	—	—	—	—	1	54	—	—	—	—	—	Herkimer.
Herkimer,	James Murphy,	200	1200	390	4	1	5	—	2	383	—	—	—	—	—	Minerville.
Florida,	Jas. Stevenson,	100	700	200	2	4	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	2	175	Mohawk.
Mohawk,	J. L. Starks,	100	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Manheim.
Manheim,	—	30	400	90	3	—	—	—	2	91	—	—	—	—	—	Manheim.
Mariaville,	James Donald,	40	—	52	—	—	—	—	2	50	4	1	—	1	75	Mariaville.
St. Johnsville,	J. Kneiskern,	130	650	183	—	—	3	—	2	178	15	—	—	2	—	St. Johnsville.
Stone Arabia,	Charles Jukes,	150	750	241	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stone Arabia.
German Flats,	John P. Spinner,	150	700	113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Herkimer.
Mapletown,	Vacant,	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Canajoharie.
Warren,	—	40	200	54	1	—	—	—	1	—	19	—	27	1	40	Warren.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. E. O. Dunning; John P. Pepper, and Daniel Michaels.

## CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.										Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Arcadio,.....	W. E. Turner,.....	56	60	60	1	1	1	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Newark.
Caroline,.....	Cornelius Gates,.....	50	250	78	1	1	4	1	1	75	1	1	33	1	1	1	54	Slatteryville.
Cato,.....	{ R. W. Knight,.....	35	175				3			52			13				25	Cato.
Lysander,.....		23	105							33			26				140	Chittenango.
Chittenango,.....	James Abell,.....	112	600	142	3	1				145				50	3	1	25	Canastota.
Canastota,.....	F. T. Drake,.....	35	200		1	1	3	1		32		1			1			Cicero.
Cicero,.....	B. Bassler, S. C.,.....	100	510	106	6	2	3		4	107	7	2		24	1		109	Farmerville, Sen. co.
Farmersville,.....		40	150	40	2	1	1	1		39				13	1		43	Reed's Corners.
Gorham,.....	G. Abell,.....	100	160	160	7	2	5	2	3	159	19	2	40		2		36	Geneva.
Geneva,.....	J. V. Henry,.....	100	400		13	3	10		4	190	5	8	50	20	1		30	Ithaca.
Ithaca,.....																		
Jamesville,.....																		
Lodi,.....	J. H. Liddell,.....	236	834	242	4	5	3		2	246	11		46		5			Lodi, Sen. co.,
Owasco,.....	J. C. Dutcher,.....	100	450				1		1	100	2				1		20	Owasco.
Tyre,.....				53	2	2				55	5	17			1		20	Seneca Falls.
Sandbeach,.....	A. B. Winfield,.....	53	293	70	5	5	4		3	73	5		70	45	3		90	Auburn.
Utica,.....	C. Wiley,.....	180	630	230	4	2	6		2	228	5			20	1		30	Utica.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. Hammond; J. C. Van Liew; William Evans; J. Beattie; Henry Maudeville, and G. Maudeville.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.		Average Number of Scholars.	
Bloomingdale,.....	Thos. C. Strong,.....	87	460	86	5	4	1	1	86	5	..	38	23	1	100	70	Rosendale.	
Caatsbaan,.....	H. Ostrander,.....	100	....	96	1	5	1	..	101	16	..	..	..	2	...	...	Saugerties.	
Clove,.....	Ephraim Depuy,.....	100	500	...	2	2	..	..	90	6	..	..	..	1	50	...	High Falls.	
Dashville Falls,.....	Vacant,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dashville Falls.	
Esopus,.....	Abraham Fort,.....	140	720	287	8	1	4	1	291	15	1	..	..	2	...	...	Esopus.	
Flatbush,.....	Vacant,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Saugerties.	
Guilford,.....	Wm. Brush,.....	150	....	100	5	5	1	2	106	12	1	40	40	5	150	...	Tutill Town.	
Hurley,.....	J. C. Cruikshank,.....	100	500	110	1	1	..	1	110	4	..	..	..	1	70	...	Hurley.	
Kingston,.....	J. C. F. Hoes,.....	275	1325	489	4	7	10	..	4	485	18	1	75	50	2	200	150	Kingston.
Marbletown,.....	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.,.....	200	1200	142	3	1	..	3	141	16	..	60	25	4	...	...	Marbletown.	
New Paltz,.....	J. C. Vandervoort,.....	240	1380	223	12	4	6	..	5	228	12	1	120	50	7	309	...	New Paltz.
Plattekill,.....	M. L. Schenck,.....	126	700	134	10	4	1	..	1	146	23	..	35	..	1	...	...	Saugerties.
Rochester,.....	C. Wyckoff,.....	300	1500	135	6	5	3	..	1	192	27	..	50	30	5	190	93	Accord.
Rosendale,.....	T. C. Strong,.....	70	420	40	3	2	..	..	1	44	5	1	18	..	1	21	21	Rosendale.
Saugerties,.....	C. Van Santvoord,.....	130	700	184	9	3	4	..	3	189	12	..	..	..	1	100	...	Saugerties.
Shokon,.....	S. Harlow,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Shokon.
Woodstock,.....	Vacant,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Woodstock.

Minister without charge.—John Watson.

## CLASSES OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.				
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Average Number of Scholars.			
Berea,.....	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.,.....	86	430	115	1	2	3	8	—	103	7	—	30	—	2	50	35	St. Andrews.	
Montgomery,.....	R. P. Lee, Jr.,.....	240	—	421	10	3	7	—	12	415	17	—	140	135	2	—	—	Montgomery.	
Shawangunk,.....	J. B. Alliger,.....	220	—	203	3	5	4	1	3	203	12	1	—	40	5	175	—	Braynswick.	
New Prospect,.....	J. T. Demarest,.....	100	—	—	3	1	3	—	—	112	3	—	31	25	1	—	—	Ulsterville.	
Deer Park,.....	G. P. Van Wyck,.....	175	1050	—	1	2	1	—	1	153	5	—	—	15	3	190	135	Port Jarvis.	
Newburgh,.....	A. B. Van Zandt,.....	95	—	110	—	13	8	—	—	113	5	—	—	—	—	50	—	Newburgh.	
Minisink,.....	J. Bookstaver,.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Montague.	
New Hurley,.....	E. Slingerland,.....	130	1030	82	17	1	1	3	—	96	22	1	—	—	—	—	—	Medina.	
Walden,.....	C. Whitehead,.....	75	450	104	2	12	7	—	—	111	5	—	—	—	1	100	—	Walden.	
Walpack,.....	R. Pitts,.....	175	1050	158	11	2	—	—	—	168	25	1	—	—	3	140	—	Hornbeck.	
Bloomington,.....	S. W. Mills,.....	135	—	—	15	5	6	2	7	—	6	6	—	25	1	80	—	Bloomingtonburgh.	
Ellenville,.....	S. B. Ayres,.....	95	425	90	6	4	3	1	—	96	14	—	—	46	4	200	—	Ellenville.	
Fallsburgh,.....	J. G. Duryee,.....	110	500	137	3	3	—	—	—	142	12	—	—	16	2	100	75	Woodbourne.	
Warsaw,.....	J. Demarest,.....	220	1100	138	1	—	3	1	—	132	3	—	—	52	75	4	200	120	Napanoch.
Grahamville,.....	T. B. Gregory,.....	43	215	89	8	1	—	2	1	96	15	—	15	—	3	45	40	Grahamville.	
Wurtsburgh,.....	A. C. Hillman,.....	50	160	—	—	1	—	—	—	25	2	—	12	—	1	30	—	Wurtsborough.	

Ministers without charge.—J. H. Bevier; W. Cruickshank; J. W. Ward, and Wm. Youngblood, Foreign Missionary.



# CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

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## CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibli- cal Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Schol- ars.		Average Number of Scholars.
Grand Rapids,.....	A. B. Taylor,.....	16	70	32	1	3	1	1	..	34	..	..	..	12	2	60	...	Grand Rapids.
Centreville,.....	S. Seeber,.....	20	100	25	2	9	5	1	1	29	..	..	..	10	2	50	...	Centreville.
Constantine,.....	D. McNeish, S. C.,.....	40	200	28	4	10	..	..	..	42	4	1	..	15	1	25	...	Constantine.
Ridgeway,.....	John Minor,.....	30	75	30	2	..	1	..	1	30	1	1	35	..	1	50	...	Ridgeway.
Medina,.....	Harrison Heermance,.....	14	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	Medina.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. John G. Tarbell and Rev. Asa Bennet.

## Summary View of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for the Year 1847.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	Received.		Total of Communicants.	Baptized.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
							On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.					
New York,.....	21	29	2	..	1919	8310	94	189	3369	242	19	660	265	21	2019	Rev. N. I. Marselus, D. D.
South Classis of New York,....	7	10	..	..	672	3260	60	53	1455	100	14	580	169	9	1220	" S. H. Meeker.
New Brunswick,.....	13	25	3	..	1611	7498	158	72	2319	231	27	638	173	35	1074	" D. D. Demarest.
Bergen,.....	11	11	1	..	1242	5194	23	63	1495	116	3	777	235	11	920	" John Garretson.
Passaic,.....	9	9	..	..	720	3071	30	10	545	59	3	135	95	15	505	" John A. Staats.
Paramus,.....	13	11	..	..	1567	7310	31	40	1763	139	4	415	66	13	220	" John H. Duryea.
South Classis of Long Island,....	10	11	..	..	744	3525	20	42	921	91	1	305	149	14	960	" R. O. Currie.
North Classis of Long Island,....	7	6	..	..	701	3213	24	24	538	74	2	225	165	11	543	" G. I. Garretson.
Philadelphia,.....	12	13	..	..	1250	6350	62	33	1919	107	10	518	373	34	1865	" J. R. Talmage.
Poughkeepsie,.....	10	12	..	..	781	4235	24	19	1855	50	11	140	179	15	860	" A. M. Mann.
Hudson,.....	8	6	..	..	546	2235	21	11	1006	37	4	..	70	11	260	" Ira C. Boice.
Illinois,.....	7	4	..	..	182	765	5	5	103	8	..	76	77	4	202	" A. D. Wilson.
Albany,.....	13	8	..	..	1517	7580	33	47	2151	93	7	212	114	9	756	" L. N. Wyckoff, D. D.
Ulster,.....	17	14	..	..	2018	9305	66	42	2209	171	5	436	218	31	1192	" C. L. Van Dyke.
Rensselaer,.....	9	8	..	..	947	4550	16	34	1256	28	2	15	..	10	630	" A. N. Kittle.
Washington,.....	9	10	..	..	503	2055	7	14	743	15	2	90	52	8	295	" J. H. Pitcher.
Montgomery,.....	20	17	..	..	1940	8609	24	15	1300	82	4	..	57	12	612	" D. van Olinda.
Schoharie,.....	12	11	..	..	390	1880	6	4	562	21	2	76	132	10	243	" A. B. Chittendon.
Schenectady,.....	10	16	..	..	1082	4838	28	25	1731	102	7	215	210	25	937	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga,.....	17	18	..	..	1250	4647	55	25	1594	60	30	279	177	23	..	" B. Baseler.
Orange,.....	16	20	..	..	1999	6460	81	55	1970	158	9	280	377	32	1360	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
Greene,.....	9	7	..	..	816	3720	57	27	1115	65	1	..	70	10	420	" W. A. Cornell.
Watervliet,.....	6	6	..	..	386	1782	9	29	634	20	1	50	77	7	405	" T. F. Wyckoff.
Michigan,.....	5	7	..	..	120	535	9	22	147	5	2	35	37	6	185	" D. McNeish.
Total,.....	276	289	6	26	24873	110977	943	900	32340	2074	169	6257	3452	376	13683	



## ARTICLE VII.

## SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

A complaint made by Rev. J. M. Van Buren against a decision of the Classis of Montgomery, in the trial of charges brought against the Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., was presented, and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, respectfully report :

That they have carefully re-examined the matters recommitted to them by the Synod, respecting the complaint of the Rev. John M. Van Buren from certain acts, decisions and adjudications of the Classis of Montgomery, in the acts of the said Classis, on the trial of a complaint by Dr. Elias P. Phelps, complainant, and the Rev. C. G. McLean, D. D., defendant. They find from the records of the Classis, that the Rev. John M. Van Buren was one of the minority : That he did duly notify the Classis instanter, of his design to complain : That his complaint is drawn up in due form and according to the requirement of the constitution, and is in order before this Synod. They, therefore, report, that they find the complaint in order, and presents matter claiming the attention of the Synod. The documents in the case which have come before the Committee, are the acts and proceedings of the Classis of Montgomery, in the case which they report in order.

D. VAN OLINDA,  
C. L. VAN DYCK,  
C. VAN SANVOORD,  
L. NORTON,  
WM. HULSAPPLE.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, respectfully report, that they find on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York the following resolution relating to an Overture of the Classis of Orange, requesting to be transferred to the Synod of Albany, (see p. 26.)

On the Minutes of the last General Synod, p. 67, the following :

“*Resolved*, That the future consideration of this application be postponed to the next meeting of General Synod, with a view to afford the Classis of Hudson and the Particular Synod of New York time to take and transmit to General Synod their action in the case.”

On page 22 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, your committee find the following resolution :

*“Resolved,* That the particular attention of the next General Synod be called to the communication of the Classis of Bergen and North Classis of Long Island in relation to the Additional Hymns.”

Your committee also find on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 19, the action and resolution of the Synod relative to the Academy in the village of Fonda.

B. HOFF, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That so much of the above Report as relates to the Additional Hymns, be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., Ransford Wells and Oscar H. Gregory, and the Elders, Ephraim Smith and Philip V. N. Morris.

The references referred to in the above report from the Classis of Bergen and from the North Classis of Long Island, in relation to the Hymn-book, were received, and referred to the same committee.

*Resolved,* That so much of the Report on Synodical Minutes as relates to the subject of ministers without charge, be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Lawrence H. Van Dyke and Abraham H. Meyers, and the Elders, George Zabriskie and Henry I. Kip.

This committee was subsequently discharged from the consideration of the above subject.

*Resolved,* That so much of the above Report as relates to the subject of the Fonda Academy, be referred to the Committee on Education.

*Resolved,* That so much of the above Report as relates to the transfer of the Classes of Orange and Hudson, be indefinitely postponed.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the complaint of the Rev. John M. Van Buren against the decision of the Classis of Montgomery, in the trial of certain charges against the Rev. Charles G. McLean, D. D.

The President made the usual announcement, that the Synod were about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business.

Synod considered the complaint in the following order :

1. The decision complained of was read.
2. The complaint was read.
3. The documents in the case were read.
4. The Rev. J. M. Van Buren was heard in support of his complaint.
5. The Classis were heard in defence of their proceedings and decision, by the Rev. James McFarlane, one of the delegates from the Classis on the floor of Synod.
6. The complainant was heard in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded :

*Resolved*, That the complaint of the Rev. J. M. Van Buren against the Classis of Montgomery be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, it was decided *unanimously* in the *affirmative*. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., Ransford Wells, and the Elders, Horatio P. Allen, Philip V. N. Morris and George Zabriskie, be a committee to prepare a Minute on the subject of the several grounds of the complaint, and the decision of the Classis in the case.

The committee reported, when the following Minute in the case was adopted :

The Synod having resolved that the complaint be sustained, therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st, As to the charge in the complaint against the Rev. Charles G. McLean, D. D., namely, "*heresy or false doctrine*," that while Synod is not prepared, upon the evidence before them, to sustain the charge as made, yet the evidence is conclusive that "the Rev. Dr. McLean has been guilty of the perversion of Sacred Scripture, involving important doctrinal truths; and that fundamental doctrines of scripture have been treated by him with irreverence from the pulpit."

*Resolved*, 2d, That the charge of "*repudiating forms, disclaiming and denouncing ecclesiastical authority*," as mentioned in the seventh specification, be and hereby is sustained.

*Resolved*, 3d, That though the Classis of Montgomery have found the first and third charges, viz., "*Omission of forms, usages and practices*," and "*improper and harsh language and expressions*," sustained by the proofs against the Rev. Dr. McLean, yet they have not affixed any adequate penalty to their finding, and thereby

have not sustained their character as a judicial tribunal, nor properly regarded the interests of the Church.

*Resolved*, 4th, That the Classis of Montgomery be and hereby are instructed at an early day to review their finding and sentence in this case, and publicly and solemnly admonish the Rev. Dr. McLean, and take measures to dissolve the pastoral connection now subsisting between the said Dr. McLean and the Reformed Dutch Church at Fort Plain.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk furnish an attested copy of the proceedings of the Synod in the above case to the complainant, to the Classis of Montgomery, and to the Rev. Chas. G. McLean, D. D.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE X.

### DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

### SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A communication was received from the Committee of Arrangements of the Board of the Sabbath-school Union of the General Synod, inviting the Synod to attend their anniversary, to be held on the afternoon of the second day of the session, and also their annual meeting on the evening of the same day ; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the invitation be accepted, and that, agreeably to the request contained in the above communication, it be referred to the committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises, to nominate speakers for the evening exercises.

The Eighth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of

Sabbath-school Union was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the late Treasurer, John D. Keese, and of the acting Treasurer of the Board was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Education, to whom have been referred the Reports of the Board of Education, and also of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, beg leave respectfully to report.

#### “THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.”

The report of this Board is in the highest degree interesting and gratifying. Your Committee regard it as a fact full of encouragement and promise of future good, that the thorough education of a ministry corresponding to the wants of the Church in the continually widening field of her labor and the increasing intelligence of the age, is taking a deep hold of the public mind, and inducing many pious and wealthy individuals to give liberally for its accomplishment. We have now fully endowed fourteen Scholarships, and two in process of gradual accumulation. A benevolent friend of the Church proposes to establish another during the present year ; this will make an aggregate of about \$35,000, competent to sustain twenty young men in their preparatory course. The Van Benschoten and Rebecca Knox Funds amount to \$20,000, which will educate twelve ; so that the Church may now have in training, to supply their wants, to enlarge their bounds, and send reinforcements to the foreign field, between thirty and forty young men, supported by our permanent funds. This number may be so increased by the collections taken up in our churches, and by those who seek the ministry and resort to our Seminary at their own expense, as to furnish a rich supply to cultivate the garden of the Lord, and make the wilderness blossom as the rose. The Church has no reason to fear that the means of education will be greater than the demand for laborers in the field of the world, and notwithstanding all that has been done to give us ample resources, there is still room for the most enlarged liberality on this subject. The Committee recommend the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That this Synod is highly gratified by the accessions from time to time, to the established Scholarships for the education of young men for the ministry, and render their thanks to those benevolent individuals who have erected those enduring monuments to their liberality and zeal and love to the Church, and opened these perennial fountains to send forth streams to make glad the city of God.

*Resolved*, That until the educational funds of the Synod be considerably increased, the attention of our churches be earnestly called to this subject, and that they be urged to take up collections, or in any other way to sustain this cause.

*Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to make an arrangement with the Rev. P. Labagh, to take up collections or subscriptions in aid of its funds.

The Report closes with an impressive and affecting tribute to the virtues and usefulness of the late Treasurer of the Board, John D. Keese, Esquire. The Committee feel assured that General Synod heartily responds to the sentiments of the Board. Mr. Keese was a man of rare endowments, eminently qualified to act a distinguished part in all the relations and in every sphere of life. In society he was beloved and respected; in the Church he was a bright and shining light; in the Boards of this Synod, and in various offices in the Church, he was wise and judicious in counsel, fervent in zeal, and untiring in activity; in his death, his family, society, and the Church have sustained an irreparable loss; and while the Synod would bow submissive to the divine will, and say, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight," they would hold up his bright example to all who love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SYNOD'S "BOARD OF SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION."

This Board is in a highly prosperous condition. They have been diligently and judiciously pursuing the great and important interests entrusted to their hands. Six schools have been added to the Union during the year. The Board reports their schools generally, as exerting a great influence in training up the youth in the knowledge of divine truth, and in the doctrines and institutions of the Dutch Church. There is a manifest wisdom and propriety in having all the schools belonging to the Church connected with the *Union* formed and superintended by the General Synod, and in which the books read, the doctrines taught, and the whole moral influence exerted are under the supervision of the Church itself; and it seems to be highly desirable for the Synod to give some strong expression of the favor with which they regard the Union.

The Board has employed an Agent during the past year, whose labors have been very acceptable to the churches, and very successful in promoting the prosperity of the Union; they are nearly out of debt; and having stereotyped most of the stationary books used in their schools, are able to supply such books at the cheapest rates, and in sufficient numbers for all their demands. The Report says: "Having received a small donation to stereotype any book that might be profitable for Sunday-school reading, and having also been urgently requested to publish for our children a book now in print as well as in manuscript, but of pamphlet form, and knowing that we can do neither without transcending our constitutional privileges, we simply inquire whether General Synod would think

proper to appoint or empower a Committee to attend to these overtures." In response to this inquiry, the Committee recommend the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union be authorized to stereotype any books which they have thoroughly examined, and which they regard as sound in doctrine, for which benevolent individuals may furnish the means, and which can be published without expense to the Board.

#### ACADEMIES.

A paper was referred to the Committee containing a proposition, on certain terms, to transfer the property of an Academy at Fonda, Montgomery county, to General Synod, to be owned by them, and used for the preparatory education of those young men who are under the care of the Board of Education. However desirable it may be to increase the number of institutions devoted to the interests of our Church, your Committee believe it to be highly inexpedient for the General Synod to enter upon the purchase of property or the management of Academies or other Seminaries in different parts of the Church. There are such institutions in almost every section of the country ; it might be invidious for the Synod to make any distinction as to the relation they sustain to them ; and if the Board of Education is authorized to designate the academy to which their young men may resort, selecting those which are most efficient and least expensive, the object proposed by the Trustees of the Fonda Academy can be much better accomplished. Your Committee recommend the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That while the Synod fully appreciate the liberality and devotion to the Church manifested by the Trustees of the Fonda Academy, they deem their proposal inexpedient and impracticable.

Respectfully submitted.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz. : Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D. ; and the Elder Abraham Van Nest. Mr. John M. Keese was elected for two years, in the place of John D. Keese, deceased.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz. : Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D.,

John Knox, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., Duncan Kennedy, D. D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D.; and Messrs. John S. Bussing, John M. Keese, James D. Oliver, Charles S. Little, Thomas Jeremiah, Abraham Van Nest and Walter Bicker.

Rev. William R. Gordon was chosen for two years, in the place of the Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, resigned.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College communicate to Synod the following gratifying Report, which they have received from the President of the College, and which will sufficiently inform the Synod of the actual condition and prospects of this very important and cherished Institution, so necessary for the preliminary training of our youth for the several learned professions, and especially indispensable in its relation to the Theological Seminary and the ministry of the Church.

#### *To the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College:*

It gives me pleasure to state that the condition of the College is both gratifying and encouraging. The conduct of the students during the past year, in deportment and in study, with few exceptions, has been satisfactory to the Faculty and honorable to the Institution. The opinion expressed in a former Report, of the excellence of our system, which, dispensing with dormitories and refectories, places the student to board in the respectable families of the town, is confirmed by time and experience, while the opportunities for study, in the greater quiet and order of a private family, are certainly not lessened by such an arrangement; its influences are strikingly observable in the general tone of morals and manners which pervades our college. I cannot but think that this system, deliberately adopted and wisely continued, is becoming more and more approved, as it is better understood by the public. Surely no parent will undervalue a plan of education which accompanies the student through his whole collegiate course with the restraints and influences of family government.

Our average number has been fully maintained during the past year, and a class of twenty-five, having finished the prescribed course of study, will offer themselves for graduation at the next commencement. Of this number, five certainly will apply at the



beginning of the next academic year, for admission into the Theological Seminary here.

VAN NEST HALL is now in the progress of building, and will probably be finished in the early part of the next autumn. With the entire concurrence of the Professor of Didactic Theology, associated with me, under a resolution of a former Synod, in the supervision of the library, and, as I learn, with the approbation, also, of his colleagues in the Seminary, I recommend the removal of the books, at the proper time, to the room designed for such purpose in the new building. The advantages of keeping together as they now are the books of the two institutions, are so obvious, that I cannot doubt the ready concurrence of the Synod. More or less expense, however, in the removal and in the proper arrangements to be made for the disposal of a large library must be incurred, and an adequate appropriation by the Synod will be necessary. I may be permitted here to suggest the caution of an explicit direction to the disbursing officer of the Synod to pay any appropriation that may be made. From some real or supposed defect in former resolutions of the Synod, relative to expenditures for the library and other purposes, the Treasurer has not felt himself at liberty to meet the calls that have been made upon him. It is due to that officer, in the delicate management of his trust, that he should not be encumbered with doubt in the discharge of such duties; and it is equally desirable that the agents of the Synod appointed to carry out its resolutions should not be subject to an apparent disregard or neglect of the orders or expectations of that body. Perhaps the Board of Corporation, if not already empowered, might be vested with the requisite authority to prevent future embarrassments of this nature.

The Librarian reports to me that he has carefully prepared a catalogue of the books in his charge, as directed by a former resolution of the Synod. The printing of this document, which alone can make it useful, has been reluctantly postponed, by a failure in the payment of the appropriation ordered for that purpose. The wisdom of the late measures adopted under authority of the Synod relative to the care and preservation of this valuable collection of books is apparent, in the check which has been given to the loss and negligent use of the volumes to which I formerly had occasion to call your notice.

The Librarian represents the library in good condition, with the exception of necessary binding of injured volumes and valuable pamphlets, which has not been done from causes already explained. The collection is gradually increasing, wholly, however, by individual donations, and principally in the department of Theology and Biblical literature.

The Grammar School, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Thompson, as Rector, is in a flourishing condition. It has fully realized the promise given on the Rector's accession, by his long experience and acknowledged capacity in the business of prepara-

tory education; and I cordially recommend the school to your favorable notice.

It is not without reluctance that I again call your attention to the necessary repairs of the College edifice, and to the renewal of the fences around the premises. It is the opinion of experienced and practical men, that longer delay will materially affect the value of the property.

A. BRUYN HASBROUCK, *President.*

*Rutgers College, May 29th, 1847.*

The various suggestions contained in the above Report, are earnestly commended to the favorable consideration of the Synod. At the same time, the College is commended to the patronage of the whole Church, as an institution entitled to entire confidence, and of most benign influence upon the interests of the denomination. The undersigned greatly desire to see the College adequately endowed, and the place of resort of all our youth who are in search of a liberal education. In these institutions let all adequate provision be made for our own—those of our own Christian household; and in them let the family spirit, a spirit of mutual love, attachment and co-operation, be cherished; and then shall we be in the best condition to do our share in promoting the common weal of the whole household of faith.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN KNOX,	} <i>Superintendents</i>  <i>of</i>  <i>Rutgers College</i>
J. B. HARDENBERGH,	
ABM. VAN NEST,	
C. L. HARDENBERGH,	

## ARTICLE XIV.

### P R O F E S S O R A T E .

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service has expired. Nominations were received from the North Classis of Long Island, Classes of New Brunswick, Ulster and Poughkeepsie, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes which have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Garret I. Garretson, Talbot W.

Chambers, John C. Vandervoort, Alexander M. Mann, George H. Fisher, D. D., John H. Duryea and Edward P. Stimson.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee have examined carefully the reports and communications referred to them by Synod, and have considered, and would report the result of their deliberations to Synod.

Your committee find the reports of the officers of Synod carefully and correctly made, and the communications of the Boards important, and their suggestions worthy of the serious consideration of the General Synod.

I. *The Annual Digest* is, as usual, clear and explicit, and exhibits a correct schedule of the several funds under their care. In a note to this paper, your committee find the following statement of the unpaid subscriptions to the permanent fund, viz., that \$5,250 cannot be collected; and in another place they say, are irrecoverably lost. This does not appear to be from any unwillingness to fulfil the engagements on the part of the subscribers, but unavoidable changes in pecuniary circumstances; changes in families and loss of health have deprived them of the ability of discharging the pleasing and important duty of aiding in the promotion and interest of our beloved Zion, and they desire that something may be done in some cases to modify, and in others to release from their obligations.

Applications have been made to the Board of Direction for relief, but the Board is not authorized to remit or modify the subscriptions. Your committee would urge the propriety of authorizing the Board to make such arrangement with such subscribers as may be thought just and proper, after an examination of the facts in the cases which may come before them. For which purpose your committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be and hereby is authorized to make such arrangements with subscribers pleading inability to discharge their obligations, as may be deemed just and proper, after carefully inquiring into the cases which may come before them.

II. The Board of Direction report several important matters for the information and consideration of Synod.

1. Your committee find that a contract has been made with the house of Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, for the publication of ten thousand copies of the Psalm and Hymn-book, in the manner directed by General Synod at their last meeting.

2. In this report your committee find a subject of great interest, claiming the immediate attention of Synod.

It appears, for many years past, the receipts and expenditures of the Board have very nearly balanced, and until the last year or

two have so continued, but since that time there has been a deficit in the receipts which will, on the first of September next, amount to \$1,611 86. This deficit has been caused by the payment, in two successive years, of a debt to the Trustees of Rutgers College, by order of the General Synod, amounting to \$1,500, for which no special provision was made. The Board is exceedingly anxious that immediate measures be taken to relieve the Treasury from this embarrassment. Your committee feel the importance of this subject, and recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That measures be immediately taken to raise funds for the liquidation of the debt.

III. *The Report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College.* The Board of Superintendents report to Synod a communication from President Hasbrouck. After approving of the mode of accommodating the students in private boarding-houses, the President directs the attention of the Board to some important subjects.

1. *The disposition of the Library.* It appears to be the desire of the President and the officers of both the Literary and Theological Institutions, to remove the library into a room prepared for it in the Van Nest Hall. For this purpose, two things appear to be necessary. A resolution authorizing the removal of the library to the room in the Hall, and the preparation of the room for the reception and safe-keeping of the books—such as cases and other furniture. It appears that the disbursing officer of Synod did not feel himself authorized to furnish the necessary funds without the direction of Synod. What amount of funds are necessary, your committee have not the means of ascertaining. However, your committee judge the safe-keeping of the library important, and would therefore recommend that the necessary funds be appropriated by resolution.

2. The librarian has reported to the President, that he has prepared a catalogue of the books of the library, according to the resolution of Synod, but has been under the necessity of postponing the publication, for want of the necessary funds. Nor, for the same reason, has he been able to execute the order of Synod, directing the repairs and binding of injured books and pamphlets. A good and well-kept library is so exceedingly important to every literary institution and Theological school, that great solicitude is felt by the Faculty, and fully appreciated by your committee, as necessary to all seminaries of learning, for the improvement and attraction of students, for books of reference to the Professors, and the honor and celebrity of the institution.

One chief cause of the great celebrity of the Universities of Germany, the immense concourse of students from all parts of Europe and America, is found in their libraries, containing vast collections of books, easily accessible to students and literary men. Your committee would therefore recommend the necessary appro-

priation to carry out their own resolution not only, but also a liberal appropriation to increase the library in systematic, historic works, commentaries, and other books.

*Resolved*, That the President of Rutgers College be authorized to remove the library to the room provided in Van Nest Hall.

*Resolved*, That an appropriation from monies to be raised as directed by the General Synod be and hereby is made, for the several purposes contemplated in the above report.

3. The President directs the attention of the Board to *the state of the College edifice and enclosure*. It appears to be the opinion of experienced practical men, that the College edifice is exposed to very great injury, unless immediately repaired. To your committee it is equally clear that it will be economy to attend immediately to the preservation of the building.

The fences around the College grounds are represented as decayed and falling, giving to the whole establishment the appearance of neglect and ruin, and strangers and parents visiting New Brunswick may be induced to form opinions unfavorable to our cherished institution.

Your committee would observe that the Board fully concur with the President in his various suggestions, and therefore recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That such appropriation of funds be made from monies hereafter to be collected, as shall be necessary to repair the College edifice, and to erect a suitable and decent fence around the College grounds.

IV. The Board of Superintendents report favorably of *the conduct, industry and acquirements of the Theological students*. And your committee are happy to say that the "Faculty speak highly of the religious deportment and praiseworthy conduct of the young gentlemen who have endeavored to make themselves useful in various ways in the noble cause of religion."

The Lord has blessed both Professors and students with health; sickness has not interrupted their duties, nor has death removed any from their ranks.

It appears from the report, that the Faculty of the Theological School have requested or suggested that the students in the College who design to study Theology shall be allowed to dispense with the study of the French language, and devote their time to the study of the Greek. Your committee cannot but regard the acquisition of the French language as desirable to all literary men, divines as well as others, and would, therefore, favor the study; but a more important consideration is, that your committee doubt exceedingly the propriety of General Synod to interfere with the course of study and arrangements in the College; nor is it easy to see how this course would advance the study in the Greek language, as it would seem to imply an additional recitation for the Professor of Languages, to which he might not feel it his duty to attend.

V. *Students requiring aid from the Education Funds of the Church.* Mr. Thomas G. S. Sriver is recommended by the Classis of Ulster, as a young gentleman of talents, literary attainments, piety, and correct views of entering the gospel ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this application be granted, and that he be referred to the Board of Education, to be supplied with the necessary funds.

From the Classis of Albany your committee find a communication recommending Mr. Edward Livingston, of the church of Bethlehem, as a young man about sixteen years of age, modest in his deportment, and possessing the usual character for Christian consistency, which has commended his piety and Christian worth to all. It appears he has a desire for the Christian ministry, strong and abiding. He is well reported by his teachers, for his diligence and satisfactory and creditable progress in his education. Your committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the application be granted, and that he be referred to the Board of Education.

Your committee also find two cases of a peculiar character, claiming the special attention of the General Synod.

Mr. George Hahn, a beneficiary of the Education fund. This young man is a German ; and a request was made to the Classis of New York, to ask of the General Synod a dispensation for Mr. Hahn, to allow him a shorter time than usual for the prosecution of his studies. This young man is twenty-nine years old, has an unusual amount of theological reading ; he is now attending a course of classical study, under a competent teacher, and he seems well adapted to labor efficiently among the greatly increasing German population in the country. The immigration to this country has attracted the attention of the religious and political world, in no common degree. Their great numbers, industry, economy, sprightliness of mind and indomitable perseverance, at this time influencing the mind of the civilized world, and apparently destined to govern the nations of the earth, throw the greatest interest in their history and movements, and call on the evangelical Churches of this land to use every effort to bring the glorious principles of the gospel among them, and to move that mighty mass of mind in the right direction.

The next case is that of Mr. Mannes Mensink, one of the recent immigrants from Holland. He is about twenty-three years of age. He is recommended by the Classis of Albany, as of a bright and consistent Christian character, early brought to the experience of the truth, and has pursued his studies in Holland, with a view to the ministry in the evangelical Church in fatherland. He has been employing himself for some time in addressing some eighty or ninety Holland immigrants in their native language. All who

have heard him, and understood the language, were highly pleased, and deem his talents fair, and promising usefulness. He is destitute of the means to prosecute his studies, and desirous, as soon as possible, to be prepared to preach Christ crucified to his countrymen, who are expected in great multitudes at an early day.

The cases of Mr. Hahn and Mr. Mensink appear to be similar, and deserving the deliberation and direction of Synod. Your committee recommend a less amount of classical studies, and an abbreviation of the term of study, and propose the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the cases of Messrs. Hahn and Mensink be referred to the Committee on the Reception of Students in the Theological School; instructing the committee to allow them to enter the Seminary with a much less amount of classical learning than is usually required.

*Resolved*, That after two years' study in the Theological School, the Professors in the Seminary, if satisfied with their acquirements for usefulness to their countrymen, shall be authorized to give them certificates to come before any Classis for examination and licensure.

VI. Your committee observe with sorrow, that the report of the Board complains of a decrease in the number of students in the Seminary. This may, however, be owing entirely to incidental causes, often occurring in the history of every institution. Nevertheless, your committee feel it the duty of General Synod to call the attention of ministers and people to this important subject, and strongly to urge on them the necessity of using all their influence for their schools, founded with so much care, supported at great expense, and having conferred such inestimable blessings on our beloved Zion; and your committee trust that both General Synod and the Church will say, "If I forget thee, let my right hand forget its cunning."

As in carrying out these various improvements and suggestions, funds are absolutely necessary, and as pecuniary embarrassments always paralyze effort, it becomes the duty of Synod to devise ways and means for the purpose, to which your committee has no doubt the Church will respond.

Your committee learn, from good authority, that \$4,000 or \$4,500 will be sufficient, if economically employed, to liquidate the debt, and meet the expenditures required by the Boards, and recommended by your committee. Your committee recommend the following resolutions for the consideration of Synod:—

*Resolved*, That an immediate effort be made to raise, by subscription, the sum of \$4,000.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to attend to the duty of obtaining subscriptions; and that Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and Messrs. Ab'm. Van Nest and Wm. B. Crosby, be the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. MURPHEY, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XV.

## STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVI.

## CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## MISSIONS.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Missionary Sermon was preached before Synod, on the evening of the fifth day of the session, by the Rev. Robert P. Lee, Jr., in the church in Lafayette Place, from Psalm xxii. 27.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following Report. Though the documents put into their hands are few and brief, they are important and impressive.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the report of last year, it was stated that the Prudential Committee were ready to commence a mission in Southern India, and



it was intimated that this would be a preferable sphere of action for our missionaries, now in Borneo. This involved, of course, an abandonment of their efforts in that island. While the measure was represented in that report as "greatly to be deprecated," your committee are happy to state, that they have before them a joint letter from the brethren at that station, dated Aug. 31, 1846, in reply, strongly confirmatory of the views of the Synod. They notice in order, and distinctly, the several considerations on which the seeming expediency of the proposed change, rests, and arrive with unanimity and confidence at the conclusion that it is their duty to remain where they are. The general principle they urge is doubtless a true one, "that a mission once established ought not to be relinquished, except for the strongest reasons," and it may well claim a controlling influence, where, as in this case, the field whose cultivation has been undertaken "was originally not of our own selection," but was indicated with marked distinctness by the finger of Providence. If anything can make us ashamed of our want of manly and believing co-operation, it is the example of these brethren themselves, who, amid these desolations of heathenism, under a trying climate, notwithstanding arduous labors, and amid wringing bereavement, continue to stand erect and firm, and cheerful, in a reliance on the promises. Changes of a political character are on the eve of institution by the Dutch Government, and it would almost seem as though, just as these "labors before the dawn," have brought the field into condition in which desirable genial accompanying influences are needed, that they are about to be commanded, and that the shadow of death is changing into morning. It ought to be distinctly borne in mind, that these brethren speak of the "sensible waste of their mental and physical energies," and that the mission must be "reinforced, if we would not have it become extinct." They call for helpers in their labors to make Christ known, and ask, in addition, deplorably for a Printer and Physician.—Rev. Mr. Thompson, while detained at Singapore, on the eve of embarkation for this country, was seized in January last with a hemorrhage of the lungs. At the date of his letter in March he was better, and hoped in a few days to commence his voyage.

Accounts from the China mission are cheering, so far as regards facilities of access to the population, and a willingness to hear. They have also received public demonstrations of respect and confidence from men in high authority, which cannot fail to further the interests of their cause.—They plead earnestly for means to erect a chapel at Amoy. The estimated expense does not exceed 3000 dollars.—The Rev. J. V. N. Talmage embarked, to engage in this mission, about the middle of April, in company with Rev. Mr. Doty, who also took with him as a partner in both the domestic relation and the labor of the gospel, an efficient helper, in the person of Miss Smith, of Parsippany, N. J.—On the 3d of September last, our beloved brother David Abeel

ceased from his abundant and fruitful labors, and entered into the heavenly rest. He labored diligently, and his work was early accomplished. There is a voice from his tomb calling upon us to enter into his labors. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.—Dr. Scudder, one of the oldest missionaries of the American Board, and one of us, has returned again to Southern India.—The receipts of the Treasury the past year have been \$7441 48; showing the large decrease, in a single year, of \$4453 62. This may be ascribed in part—but it is only in part—to the cessation of the agency of Rev. E. Nevius. The question to be distinctly met, and the appeal loudly made to our self-respect, our sense of honor, and our fear of the Lord, is, *whether it shall continue to be said that the Reformed Dutch Church does not pay the expenses of her own missions?*

#### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

##### EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Treasurer reports a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of - - - - \$2485 76  
 Whole sum expended, except a balance of \$102 34, \$7944 77  
 There are now on hand unpaid drafts to the amount of, - - - - \$2917 66

The whole number of churches and missions aided during the year is fifty-five.

*One in Pennsylvania*—Manayunk.

*Fifteen in New Jersey*—Spotswood, New Durham, Wyckoff, Whitehouse, Middletown village, Keyport, Port Washington, Ponds, Little Falls, Boundbrook, Jersey City, Van Voorst, Fairfield, Clintonville.

*Thirty-nine in New York*—Ghent, West Farms, Kiskatom, Houston Street, Stuyvesant, Bloomingdale, Shokon, Flushing, Day, Clove, Greenville, Arcadia, Sand Beach, Canastota, Unionville, Waterford, Bedford, Fordham, Athens, Middle church (Brooklyn,) Mount Pleasant (Fiftieth Street,) Piffardiana, German Mission (Houston Street,) Jackson, Tyre, Courtlandtown, Cohoes, Blenheim, Gorham, Caroline, Cato, Lysander, Mohawk, German Flats, Easton, Glenham, Wurtsborough, Gansevoort.

Bedford, Boundbrook and the Middle church of Brooklyn are the only new enterprises engaged in during the year.

Of the above enumeration, five are missionary stations, viz., Bedford, Keyport, Day, Port Washington and Piffardiana.

##### WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of the year there were in the employ of the Board seven missionaries; three have been added to the number. The candidate, S. Seeber, has entered on his labors at Centreville, Michigan. Rev. Harrison Heermance is stationed at Medina, Lenawee co., Michigan. He commenced his labors in Novem-

ber, 1846, and in February last a church was organized of twelve members, with cheering prospects.

In March last, the Board succeeded in obtaining the services of Rev. John Sheffield, of Manhasset, L. I., to labor as "*an itinerant missionary among the poor and destitute of the State of Michigan who have not the gospel, and are not able to establish it.*" The funds for his support are contributed by a benevolent lady of the Broome street Church, and the special form of his labor is *in accordance with the terms of the benefaction.*

Rev. D. McNeish has been transferred from Centreville to Constantine.—Two new churches, viz., at Washington, in Tazewell county, Ill., and Medina, Lenawee county, Mich., have been added to the eleven previously organized at the West. Wide and inviting fields have long been lying open before us. The statistics of our churches established at the West bespeak, in the main, a larger measure of divine influences than those of the East.—The sum of the appropriations does not exceed in amount what was voted last year. In view of the deficiency that exists, application is made for a resolution directing the Treasurer of General Synod to refund to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions the monies he invested for them at the close of the last year.—Synod having at their last session recognized the right of the Board to appoint a commissioner to examine our western churches and stations, and to make explorations, the authority was exercised in the selection of two of its members, Rev. Drs. Fisher and Taylor. It was declined by them, and the appointment of two others was immediately made. One of them declining, another was selected to take his place; but he also being unable to go, nothing has been done in carrying out the proposed plan.

The attention of the Synod is called by the report of the Board to very forcible considerations on the subject of the weighty auxiliary influence of schools and Christian education in evangelizing the West. Employment has been secured to a body of female teachers, by a distinguished Christian female of the Presbyterian Church resident at the West, and eminently qualified to judge of the desirableness and expediency of this plan for doing good; and the fact commends itself to our consideration, for imitation. The establishment of a High School at some commanding point could hardly fail to prove eventually the germ of something important; and while Synod cannot be expected to embark in it, a word of encouragement might do much toward prompting the attempt, and the prospect of a measure of aid would not be without its effect. Added to all the claims advanced by patriotism, by humanity, by religion, we have an appeal to our affection and sympathies, based on *endearing affinities*. A new body of Pilgrims has reached our shores from Holland, the land of our fathers, and the shelter, in ages gone by, to outcasts by persecution. The movement will not lose on the score of its moral grandeur by comparison with any associated act of emigration in the history of our coun-

try. The Puritan and the Hugonot especially are their debtors, and ourselves will be recreant to the power of our principles, to the name we are honored to bear, and the descent we may warrantably boast, if we fail to welcome them, to cheer them in their enterprise, and to express our love, not in word and tongue, but in deed and in truth. Providence has cast the lot of the first detachment in the immediate vicinity of our Western churches; a second has arrived, and thousands more are on their way—and we now have brought within our reach an opportunity for securing the accession of a people, “poor and afflicted,” it is true, yet possessed of a faith precious, tried and purified.

There are some features of our condition brought to view in the above detail which very naturally awaken anxiety as to consequences, and which suggest the inquiry, *whether some modification and enlargement of policy is not demanded*. The apprehension expressed in a report some years ago, of “*perpetual pensioners*” on our benevolent funds, bids fair to be realized. In 1843, *forty-two* churches were aided—in 1844, *thirty*, a hopeful decrease—in 1845, the number rose again to *forty*. Last year there were *forty-eight*, and *this*, there are *fifty-five*, and among the number, heavy drafts have been made even by churches of long standing, which, after having ceased for a considerable time to receive aid, have renewed their application. The broad fact stands forth, that *more than one-sixth of our whole number are dependents on the Treasury!* Would it not seem as though we are losing our faith, and becoming steeled against its promptings! and through what, but the debilitating influence of some mistake in the use of the undeniably required and ennobling service of bringing contributions into the treasury of the Lord? *A condition of dependence cannot always be avoided, and the duty of ministration is imperative, but the spirit of contented dependence, and of the slothful, selfish inaction which it engenders, is debasing; and it will be ever true, that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”* A palsy has also crept over the heart of the Church on the subject of giving. Heavy arrearages exist. It would seem as though our present system has reached its acme, and is so far gone in decline that it is “ready to vanish away.”

It appears to your committee that the cause of this state of things is obvious. We have not varied and enlarged our action with a change of circumstances. The first form in which the benefactions of our churches were applied, viz., encouraging hitherto united congregations to separate, “repairing breaches,” and building up “old wastes,” was eminently wise and kind, but *our churches now are full*. Our young men can find no place to set their foot on, save by a constant and too minute subdivision of fields of labor, or the institution of new and sometimes doubtful enterprises. We are offering violence to the sacred and inspiring associations of the conscience and heart of the Church with the name of “missionary,” by expending contributions prompted by the appeal it furnishes, on exertions within old and well supplied sections of our coun-

try. Too large a proportion of our receipts is appropriated in the city or in the immediate vicinity of New York. We lack the inspiration of ideas of distance, destitution, effort, sacrifice, self-denial, enlargement and aggressive action. The multiplication of churches in a dense population ought *mainly* to be effected by colonization from old, full and overflowing congregations. Where the centralizing influence of funds exists, whatever a legal decision might be on the question of *claims*, there is no law against "the royal law of love," exercised in furtherance of setting up new habitations for the Lord. We do not, in prevailing conceptions of this subject, rise to the grandeur of a sense of our obligation. We are not fulfilling the injunction, to "go into all the world," nor can our present mode of action, however important it may be to continue fostering influences at home, be legitimately claimed to be a *substitute* for the higher duty of sending the gospel to the destitute, and pushing the conquests of the cross where as yet Sabbath-schools are silent, and there are none "to make Christ known." The reaction of this want of vent for our young men on our Institution is obvious, and cannot but be disastrous; and our College and Seminary may prepare for desolation, unless the Church shall at least indicate her purpose to apply, for the glory of Christ, through her own enlargement, the intellectual and moral power she supplies by their agency. Who among her sons will gird himself for the labor of a good soldier of Christ, if *she* will not distinctly commit herself to the principle, that this holy warfare may not be suspended till the last stronghold of darkness on the footstool shall have been summoned to surrender, and its keys be laid at the feet of Jesus, "the Head over all to the Church?"

It appears then to your committee, that we have come to a spot where we must decide which way we will pursue, and risk the result as to what the end may be. We must either continue our present limited modes, and be content to have our languid wheels revolve at a decreasing rate till they at last stand still, or we must look, in its length and breadth, over a world in wickedness, *and over our own land*, where principles are in deadly conflict, and under a sense of obligation, throw ourselves forward in the work and fight the good fight as we have opportunity and occasion. Which of these alternatives we *ought* to choose there is no room for doubt, in the case of a Church which has *always* been the home of truth and charity—which "*hopes* for heavenly crowns above, through a Redeemer crucified"—*whose divine Saviour* looked upon a revolted race in "love and pity"—*who himself* came—who has *commanded*, go—who has *promised*, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world"—*to whom the assurance is given*, "He shall see of the travail of his soul"—whose cross is the clue to the mazes of providence—*who has at his girdle* the keys of death and hell, and on his head the crown, and in his hand the sceptre of the universe—*whose* chariot of salvation moves on amid the shaking of the nations—whose Spirit, amid the mightiest heavings of chaos, is only hasten-

ing with proportionate speed the appearance of a new creation, and who has said, respecting his redeemed ones, "Ye were a curse; ye shall be a blessing. I will sow them in the earth. Israel shall bud and blossom, and shall fill the face of the world with fruit." As to which she *will* choose, may prompt and vigorous action forthwith make manifest. Languor in the cause of missions is an effect—an exponent of the state of the hidden man of the heart—an alarming symptom of feeble spiritual health. We need a revived sense of personal obligation, deeper moral earnestness, a cessation from themes and occupations that devour our strength, a livelier apprehension that we live in "a fulness of times," a more careful study of the character of the times, and of what "they require;" more brotherly, sympathizing, prayerful intercourse; more united action, more Church feeling. And, in order to give wise and available direction to reviving energies and a will to work, we need *settled plans of action, based on large, comprehensive, round-about views—plans, definite in their object—embracing all departments and interests harmoniously adjusted—adopted in joint counsels—commending themselves to the judgment and confidence of our churches, and pursued under a consciousness of zeal for the divine glory, and under a sustaining sense of dependence, entire, practical, constant, cheerful, confiding, on the power of the Holy Ghost.* Endeavors to secure a precedence to either department of missionary labor, Foreign or Domestic, at the expense of the other, are unwarrantable, may prove an interference with the will of the Master, and lead to a departure from the course indicated by the pillar of cloud. *Follow me*, is the command of the Master, and it is obligatory "whithersoever he goeth." Our own country, at any rate, has pressing claims, is easily accessible, and laborers are multiplying. *As to the instrumentalities* by which an interest in this blessed work is to be awakened and sustained, in the view of your committee, there can be, on a careful view, but one opinion. To the principle of *an Agency*—the consecration of the energies of some one man of due qualifications to this vital cause—the Church is committed, by the adoption of the report of 1832, after an eminently successful experiment, and to its reasonings reference is respectfully made.

Your committee can offer, as their only apology for these extended remarks, their deep solemn conviction of the importance of the subject, and their persuasion that the propagation of the gospel abroad is only another form of instrumentality to secure the same result which is proposed by the preaching of the gospel at home, viz., to *bring sinners to God. It is a central subject, and if this prosper* our souls shall live. "Our hearts," in dwelling on it, are "inditing" a good matter. The things which we have made "are touching the King." New and enlarged views of his "glory and majesty," the pre-eminent "fairness" of his person and "grace of his lips," will naturally prompt the prayer, "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty;" and in answer to prayer

and correspondent action, He will "ride forth prosperously," and his longing Church shall find occasion for ascription as joyous and expressive of surprise as though a bright vision of Christ in the very act of gracious triumph broke upon her admiring gaze. "Thine arrows are sharp in the hearts of the king's enemies, whereby the people fall under thee. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" "Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord our God, our Holy One? We shall not die!"

In accordance with the above views, your committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be directed to refund to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions the monies which a year ago they invested for them.

2. *Resolved*, That the feeble churches which are aided by the Board, be affectionately exhorted to relieve the treasury, either in whole or in part, by direct, new, specific and vigorous efforts at self-support, and that they aspire to become co-workers in spreading abroad the knowledge of Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That hereafter, in every case where the Board deem it necessary to have additional information of the state and abilities of the churches applying for aid, the Board shall apply to the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes, whose duty it shall be to furnish detailed facts and information to the Board.

4. *Resolved*, That although this Church has recognized the obligation to aid in the evangelization of the destitute parts of our country, neither our plans nor contributions nor hearty practical interest have been commensurate with our obligations to the glory of Christ, the urgent necessities of the case, or duty to ourselves, and that we henceforth set our face toward the extension of the gospel in those regions.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the absorbing and multiplied labors of our missionaries and pastors already there, and of the necessity of *definite responsibility for information given—of responsible supervision of enterprises begun—of careful exploration and measurable experiment where hope of success is cherished—of wakeful watching for opportunities, as well as for other general purposes*, the Board be authorized to employ an itinerant minister of suitable age, experience, and of qualification, who shall command general confidence, who shall be more directly their agent in all operations west of Buffalo, and to whom they shall look for reliable information to guide them in their selection of men, in the institution of enterprises, and the judicious dispensation of funds, and that they make such allowance for his support and peculiar expenses as may be equitable.

6. *Resolved*, That a committee of nine be appointed to take into consideration the present state and correspondent duty and policy of the Church, and suggest such measures as may be deemed most conducive to her enlargement and prosperity, and that they report at the next meeting of General Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That the proposed erection of a chapel at Amoy,

in aid of the object of our mission in China, be commended to the judgment and liberality of the churches.

8. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our sympathy with the Emigrants from Holland, and that we commend them to the prayers, attention, kind offices, and practical regards of our churches.

9. *Resolved*, That we regard Christian Education to be pre-eminent among the instrumentalities God has placed in the hands of the Church, and that we especially commend it to the attention and fostering influence of all our churches, in relation to the necessities of the West.

10. *Resolved*, That our young men be and hereby are exhorted to go forth, not waiting for formal appointment by the Board; that they endeavor to seek out or make their own stations; and that the Classes and churches to which they belong, and wealthy individuals and associations formed for the purpose among our youth, be and hereby are recommended to aid such of them as stand in need of assistance in the incipient stage of their undertaking.

11. *Resolved*, That the experience of the Church, general principles and prevailing and successful modes of operation, combine to show the necessity of committing this important department to the undivided care of some well qualified individual, for the purpose of supervision of stations and missionaries, collecting and diffusing information respecting it, inculcating its principles, and illustrating and enforcing its claims, and keeping in operation, by diversified means, desirable influences in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROMEYN, *Chairman*.

It was *Resolved*, That the subject contained in the eleventh resolution in the above report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. James Romeyn, Thomas De Witt, D. D., John Garretson, George W. Bethune, D. D., Thomas M. Strong, D. D., and the Elders, William B. Crosby, Teunis Van Vechten, George Zabriskie and Thomas C. Doremus were appointed the Committee on the State of the Church, contemplated in the sixth resolution of the above report.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., A. Hamilton Bishop, Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., John Garretson, Edward H. May, and Messrs. John M.



Keese, James Anderson, Mortimer De Mott, Abraham Van Nest, James Van Antwerp, Walter W. Townsend and Jacob Brouwer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz. : Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., John M. Macauley, George H. Fisher, D. D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and Walter W. Townsend.

The Rev. John Lillie was elected for two years, in the place of the Rev. R. Ormiston Currie.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Jeremiah Searle was chosen *Primarius*, and the Rev. Francis M. Kip, *Secundus*.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Widows' Fund would respectfully report—

The papers referred to them, relate entirely to the finances of the fund. From these papers they learn that the fund now amounts to \$11,646 49; five hundred and forty-six dollars forty-nine cents having been added to the fund from the receipts of the past year. There also remains \$457 48 in the hands of the Treasurer, for distribution. The receipts from the clerical subscribers, and collections taken in the churches, and from the interest on the principal invested for the year are, \$1,829 51. There has been paid to annuitants the sum of \$1,137 50.

There are now fifty-one members or subscribers to this fund. Two having paid the sums required for life members, leaving forty-nine annual subscribers.

Your committee find that only six churches have responded to Synod's resolution of June last, that collections should be taken up in behalf of this fund. These are the churches of Manhattan, Franklin street, Collegiate churches, church of Fishkill, the Bleecker street church, and the Market street church, as appears by the Report of the Board of Corporation. Your committee would also

state that (from a paper referred to them from the South Classis of Long Island,) it appears the following churches have taken collections in behalf of this object, viz., the churches of New Utrecht, Flatlands and New Lots, the proceeds of which have been applied to the payment of the annual subscription of their pastors to the fund, as authorized by the rules governing the same, and hence these collections do not appear in the Treasurer's Account.

Your committee are happy to find that the design in the formation of this fund begins to be realized. It administers aid to the widows and families of deceased ministers, and in some cases, to superannuated clergymen, where, but for their interest in this fund, they would find themselves pressed by wants they would, in some cases, be unable to relieve. When we remember for how short a time the plan of this fund has been in operation, and the measure of success which has attended it, we trust the Synod will feel they have abundant cause to commend it to the cordial support and co-operation of the churches and the ministers of the Church. All that is needed, is, that the principal of the fund shall be somewhat increased, to render it all it was designed to be. The Synod are apprised that, by the constitution, the fund can be increased only by the donations of individuals and collections made in the churches; for the excess of monies received of annual subscriptions from the annuitants already on the list, and likely to arise from year to year, will not help materially to increase the principal of the fund. Your committee would therefore respectfully suggest that Synod appoint some agent or committees—one or more, as may be deemed advisable—to collect funds, and strenuously urge said agent or committees to give this matter an immediate and becoming attention, and report what they may do by the next session of General Synod. Your committee would also suggest as worthy of the consideration of Synod, a point in relation to which some doubt has been entertained. It is, that where the pastor of a church is constituted a member of the fund by a collection made in his behalf, by his own or any other church, said subscription shall be irrevocably pledged for the use and benefit of the fund, and shall not be liable to be withdrawn, as when made from his individual means.

In accordance with the suggestions of this report, your committee submit the following resolutions:—

1st. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be authorized to appoint an agent to collect monies for increasing the principal of said fund, and be earnestly required to attend to the matter, and report at the session of next General Synod.

2d. *Resolved*, That in all cases where a minister acquires an interest in the Widows' Fund by a collection made in the church of which he is pastor, or of any other church, such collection or subscription shall be considered as irrevocably pledged to the fund, and be not liable to be withdrawn, *unless* the privilege of with-

drawing the same be distinctly secured him by the party making the subscription in his behalf.

M. LUSK, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XX.

### PARTICULARIA.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary Sermon be preached in the church in Lafayette Place.

*Resolved*, That the meeting in behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church be held in the Franklin street church.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee appointed to make arrangements for the devotional exercises, to nominate persons to address the meeting to be held in behalf of the benevolent institutions of the Church, on Monday evening, in the church in Franklin street.

The Stated Clerk presented an Index to the Constitution of the Church, which he had formed in accordance with the direction of the last General Synod, which was accepted, and ordered to be published.

*Whereas* the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, late Professor of Didactic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, and President of Rutgers College, is at present residing in this city—

*Resolved*, That, as a mark of respect for their venerable and greatly esteemed father and friend, the Synod do hereby invite the Rev. Dr. Milledoler to be present during the sessions of Synod, whenever it shall suit his convenience, and that he be requested to take a seat near the President of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., and the Elder John Q. Wilson, be appointed a special committee to wait on the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, and communicate to him the above resolution of the Synod.

The committee reported that they had attended to the business intrusted to them.

The Rev. Dr. Milledoler was present in Synod, on the third and seventh days of the session.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to prepare a Digest, (see vol. vii., p. 96,) which was accepted:—

The committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the Acts of Synod, beg leave to report as follows :

That they have attended carefully and diligently to the subject committed to them, and have made considerable progress in the work. The documents, however, are not in such form as to be fit for the inspection of the Synod, and the committee therefore ask leave to continue their labors for another year. They also request some further instructions in regard to the constitution of the Digest ; whether a naked abstract of the proceedings of Synod be all that it is desired, or whether these extracts should be preceded by brief, appropriate remarks, tending to explain the origin and course of Synod's action ; and also whether the transcription should be restricted to the "*ipsissima verba*" of the journals, or whether a moderate latitude should be allowed in altering, connecting words, &c., so that while the substance of the Synod's proceedings remains unchanged, the form may be rendered more clear, simple and obvious.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. STRONG.

T. W. CHAMBERS.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Digest be continued, and that they be clothed with discretionary power in relation to the matters concerning which they ask for instructions.

The Rev. John H. Duryea, Lawrence L. Van Dyke, and the Elder John Frey, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to the corresponding Churches and for a person to preach the Missionary Sermon, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

The committee to whom were referred the references from the Classis of Bergen and the North Classis of Long Island, on the subject of the Additional Hymns, (see p. 174,) reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom the objections of the Classis of Bergen and of the North Classis of Long Island to the new Hymn-book were referred, beg leave to report—

That they invited the delegates from these Classes who are members of Synod, and also those of the committee upon whom the labor of compiling the book had fallen, to meet with them, and have a free interchange of thought upon the subject.

Your committee were pleased to see that the book had been compelled to pass, at this early stage, under so severe and thorough an examination, as, from the papers referred to them, it seems to have done.

Fully alive to the great importance of having the book as per-

fect as possible, they have given to each objection careful consideration.

The first objection presented by the North Classis of Long Island is that "there are ninety preaching hymns." To this objection your committee would reply, that they would esteem it a serious objection if they deemed that this was too great a proportion of such kind of hymns; but when it is remembered that the new book contains 341 hymns, and that it is desirable to have some didactic hymns, they do not think that the objection is of such a nature as to require action on the part of Synod. If we take the inspired Psalms of David as our model, we will find many very striking examples of this kind of hymn. We have an illustration of this in the 34th Psalm: "Come, ye children, hearken unto me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good: seek peace, and pursue it."

They would also remark that this objection, to say the least, lies with equal force against the old book; for instance, in the 21st hymn of the 1st book we have the doctrine of election, not only taught didactically, but actually argued, and well argued, also. The 23d of the 2d book—"Stop, poor sinner, stop and think." The 28th of the 2d book—"Hasten, sinner, to be wise." These are of this didactic character; but still, who would be willing to exclude these hymns from our book? Who has not felt, at times, when singing such hymns, that he has made melody in his heart to God?

The second objection is made in these words—"praise to dead saints"—and reference is made to the 317th hymn. Were the question before the committee as to the introduction of this hymn, they might perhaps decide upon rejecting it, but not upon the ground presented. They would not call it praise offered to the departed, any more than they would regard Elisha's address, "My father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof," in that light. The hymn merely contains an affectionate remembrance and recall of virtues and of happy intercourse, mingled with expressions of submission to God, hope in the resurrection, and of final happiness in heaven; and your committee can easily conceive that were we called on to sing this hymn in sympathy with a bereaved brother, we would not find it incompatible with true devotion. But let it speak for itself.

The third objection is "heretical expressions." This objection is presented by both the Classes, and reference is made by both to the same hymn—the 54th, verse 4. The expression objected to is—

"There He, our great High Priest, appears—  
Mingles his merits with our tears."

The objection is made to the word *mingles*. Your committee are of opinion that the objection is founded in not considering that it is not the saints who are said to mingle, but Christ himself, to whom we are indebted for the presentation of all our services before the

throne. The passage of scripture from whence the expression is taken is Rev. viii. 4: "And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." In view of the fact, however, that members of both the Classis of Bergen and of the North Classis of Long Island object to the word, your committee would suggest to Synod the following alteration:

*Presents his merits, sees our tears.*

The next heretical expression noticed, is found in hymn 55, v. 6.

"We lay an humble claim  
To the salvation thou hast brought."

To this objection your committee would almost deem it sufficient to reply, that the hymn is one of Watts's, which the most orthodox denominations have been wont to sing, without finding in it anything objectionable, since the year 1718. The claim spoken of is evidently the claim of faith; it is the humble claim to the salvation offered by Jesus—to the pardons with which Christ was sent down to offer to rebels. Your committee think that the objection vanishes, when the whole verse is read in connection:

"Lord, we obey thy call,  
We lay an humble claim  
To the salvation thou hast brought,  
And love and praise thy name."

Your committee think that Paul expresses the same idea, in even stronger language, when he asks, Who can condemn? who can lay anything to our charge?

The next expression objected to is found in hymn 86—an address to a Christian, based upon the love of Christ to our guilty world—

"Wilt thou let him bleed in vain?"

Your committee think that if the fact alluded to be remembered, that this is an expostulation addressed to a Christian, and not to a careless sinner, and if the whole stanza be read in connection with Paul's expression in Heb. vi. 6: "Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame," the ground of objection will vanish:

"Wilt thou let him bleed in vain?  
Still to death thy Lord pursue?  
Open all his wounds again,  
And the shameful cross renew?  
No; with all my sins I'll part—  
Break, oh break my bleeding heart."

Hymn 92 is also referred to as containing the objectionable line—

"Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for every guilty soul."

Your committee would suggest the removal of this objection, by substituting, for the word guilty, the word *thirsty*.

"Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for every thirsty soul."

"*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.*"

The next objection presented by the North Classis of Long Island is entitled "bad taste;" and your committee would here take occasion to remark, that diversity of taste is as great as diversity of form and feature, and that hence it becomes an extremely difficult matter for any body of men to select 350 hymns without offending the tastes of some. Still, however, they are of opinion that one of the examples cited under this head, is worthy of serious notice. Hymn 213:

"Go sound deliverance; *loudly blow*  
Salvation to the saints below."

Your committee are of opinion that the expression "blow salvation" is neither poetical nor happy. We can blow the trumpet, but not salvation. Your committee would recommend that, if it be possible to substitute a hymn in the place of this, it should be done; and if not, that the committee who have the book in hand alter the last line.

Mixture of metaphor is the next objection. Hymn 70:

"Come, Holy Ghost! all-quick'ning fire,  
Come, and in me delight to rest."

This hymn seems designed to group together all the various figures and metaphors by which the Holy Spirit is designated in the Word of God; and the objection does not notice this fact. It seems to have been unnoticed that, the Holy Spirit, as a divine person, is personally addressed throughout the hymn; and all the action implied refers to him, without reference to the figures or epithets used. Thus, in the passage referred to, leave out the epithet "all-quick'ning fire," and the mixture of metaphor complained of ceases.

"Come, Holy Ghost! \* \* \*  
Come, and in me delight to rest."

The author of the hymn did not mean to say, quickening fire come in me, and delight to rest.

The next class of objections mentioned, is styled "nonsense;" and in it reference is made to the 93d hymn, and to the couplet—

"And do I still *supinely sit*  
*Immersed* in earth and sense?"

Your committee object to the term nonsense, as applied to this objection; but they would recommend the substitution of another hymn, on the ground that the hymn is deficient in poetry. They have been informed that, although the plates are stereotyped, alterations may be made at comparatively small expense. The truth of this objection to the poetical character of the hymn will, your committee think, be manifest by reading the first verse:

"Doth God invite me to his arms,  
And do I still delay;  
Shall he impart his just commands,  
And I refuse to obey?"

Reference is also made, under this head, to the 169th hymn:

"Look to the Lord, his word, his throne,  
Look to his *grace*, and not thine own."

Your committee are informed that the word "grace" is a mistake which is to be corrected by the substitution of the word *strength*. This removes the objection.

The next objection to the book which is made, and which we are called on to notice, is in these words: "Several of the hymns are not of a devotional character, and therefore ought not to be used in the public worship of God;" and reference is made to hymns 278 and 317. The last of these has already been considered under another head—the former is a hymn intended to be used on the occasion of a celebration on the Fourth of July in any of our churches. Your committee would not object to one or two such hymns being contained in the book, as they are not expected to be used in the ordinary worship of God on the Sabbath.

The number of Peculiar Metres, and the confusion among the metrical initials are mentioned. With regard to the latter objection, your committee are informed that the difficulty has been already met. In reference to the former, they would state that the book contains

104 of C. M.	4 of L. C. M.	12 of 8s. 7s. & 4.
66 L. M.	20 7s.	11 7s. & 6s.
28 S. M.	6 11s.	1 11s. & 10.
8 P. M.	9 8s.	1 11s. & 8s.
1 L. P. M.	2 6s. & 4s.	4 Hall. Met.
5 C. P. M.	22 8s. & 7s.	

which are already to be found in the old book, being only ten metres in the new book different from those in the old book; and these, the committee who have the book in charge tell us, were introduced at the suggestion of Mr. Hastings, who stated that they were needed by our city choirs. Now, when it is remembered that all these different metres are necessarily found alone in the new book, and when it is remembered that the whole number of Psalms and Hymns now given to the churches are 1100, your committee are of opinion that the objection is removed. Only ten new varieties in 1100 hymns, do not seem to be too many.

There are two other objections contained in the papers referred to your committee; one is, that sufficient opportunity was not afforded for the examination of said book by the Church at large, previous to its publication; and the other relates to the authority under which the committee who prepared the book, acted. To both these objections the same reply may be given. The acts complained of were acts of former General Synods, over which the present Synod has no control. It is, however, perhaps due to that committee, to say, that on investigation, all difficulty and doubt vanish entirely. They were appointed by Synod to perform the precise duty which they have performed, and deserve alike the gratitude and commendation of Synod, for their unexampled diligence and toil.

Your committee would, in conclusion, recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following resolution:



*Resolved*, That the papers containing these objections of the Classis of Bergen and of the North Classis of Long Island, together with this report of your committee, be placed in the hands of the committee to whom the publishing of the book is committed, with discretionary powers.

All which is humbly submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Forty copies of the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, and distributed among the members.

Copies of the First Annual Report of the African Education and Civilization Society, of the Formation of said Society—of the Twenty-third Annual Report of the American Sunday-school Union, and of the Annual Sermon in behalf of the American Sunday-school Union, by Rev. Dr. Bethune—of the Fourth Annual Report of the American Protestant Society, and of the Twenty-second Annual Report of the American Tract Society, were received, and distributed among the members.

*Resolved*, That this Synod have examined with interest the last Annual Report of the American Tract Society, the American Sunday-school Union, the American Seamen's Friend Society, and the American Protestant Society, and rejoice in the degree of success with which the great Head of the Church has crowned their work; and this Synod cherish undiminished confidence in them, and commend their respective objects to the warm support of the churches under our care.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

### ACCOUNTS.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$21 12, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number directed by them.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be returned to those families who have entertained the members of Synod; and also to the consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church corner of Broome and Greene streets, for the use of their building.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following members were absent without permission, viz.: Rev. Abraham I. Labagh, Martin V. Schoonmaker, J. R. Van Arsdale, James McFarlane, and the Elders, Minot C. Morgan, Bernardus J. Rider, Isaac Mills and Martin Wyckoff.

The Minutes were read, and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

## A D J O U R N M E N T .

Synod adjourned, to meet in the Reformed Dutch Church in the village of Kingston, on the first Wednesday in June, 1848, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D.

ABRAHAM MESSLER, *President*.

A. M. MANN, *Adressor*.

J. B. ALLIGER,  
EDWARD P. STIMSON, } *Clerks*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk*.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Romans i. 14: “*I am a debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians ; both to the wise and the unwise.*”

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

##### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. John Lillie, Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Isaac S. Demund. *Elders*—William Woram, George Zabriskie, Abraham Van Nest.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell. *Elders*—John G. Sperling,† Horatio P. Allen,§ John R. Baker.\*

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. William Reiley,† Abraham Messler, D. D.,‡ Samuel B. How., D. D.\* *Elders*—Rynier Van Nest, Lewis Carman.

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\* Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen*.—Rev. John Garretson, William V. V. Mabon, William J. R. Taylor.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus*.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D. Elder—Abraham G. Ackerman.‡

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Malcolm N. McLaren, Thomas M. Strong, D. D. Elders Simon Cortelyou, John L. Vandewater, William H. Jackson.§

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. Nicolas E. Smith,|| Richard L. Schoonmaker,¶ Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D. Elders—Theodore Snediker, Jacob Remsen.

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia*.—Rev. Abraham O. Halsey. Peter Labagh.††

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie*.—Rev. Anthony Elmendorf, William A. Miller,(a) Herman Vedder.† Elder—John Barnes.(a)

10. *From the Classis of Passaic*.—Rev. John A. Staats, John L. Janeway, Edwin Vedder.\*

11. *From the Classis of Illinois*.—(No representation.)

12. *From the Classis of Hudson*.—Rev. John Gosman, D. D., Joshua Boyd,†† Cornelius E. Crispell. Elders — Jeremiah Hover,(b) John McClellan,‡‡ Jeremiah Best.†

\* Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

¶ Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session by his *secundus*, Rev. William R. Gordon.

†† Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session by his *secundus*, Jonathan Stowe.

‡‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

(b) Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the session.

## FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Ralph Willis, Jasper Middlemas,\* Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.|| Elders—Abraham F. Lansing, (a) Garrit A. Oliver,† Teunis Van Vechten.§

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Martin L. Schenck, Cornelius Wyckoff, (c) John C. Cruickshank. Elders — Sevreyn Bruyn, J. V. L. Overbaugh, Benjamin A. Newkirk.|||

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, Edward P. Stimson, John De Witt. Elders—Thomas F. Mesick, J. C. Everts.††

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Hiram Slawson, John F. Schermerhorn,\*‡ John H. Pitcher.|| Elders—Samuel J. Mott, Lewis B. Thompson. (b)

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Jedediah L. Starks, James Stevenson, James Murphy, D. D. Elders — Edward Walter, (d) John H. Moyer. (\*d)

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. William Demarest, Ransford Wells, Cyril Spaulding. Elders—Peter Ferris, James Lewis.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. John B. Steele, William W. Halloway, Abraham J. Swits.§ Elders—Nanning V. Fort.§

\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *second* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *second* day of the session.

|| Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

||| Succeeded on the *eighth* day of the session by his *secundus*, Frederic S. M. Snyder.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

(b) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

(c) Succeeded on the *ninth* day of the session by his *secundus*, Rev. Thomas C. Strong.

(d) Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the session.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga*.—Rev. John A. Liddell. *Elders*—Wessel B. Van Wagenen, Lewis J. Hasbrouck.

9. *From the Classis of Orange*.—Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, Isaac G. Duryea,|| A. B. Van Zandt. *Elders*—Alexander Kidd, James Van Vleck.\*

10. *From the Classis of Greene*.—Rev. Jeremiah Searle, William A. Cornell, John L. See. *Elders*—Thomas Burroughs, Dwight Brockett, James Van Deusen.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan*.—Rev. John Minor, David McNeish.

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet*.—Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, John Gray,\* William Pitcher.‡ *Elders*—Henry Frazee,† Peter G. Vandenburg.

### ARTICLE III.

#### M O D E R A T O R S .

The Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., was chosen *President*; the Rev. Jeremiah Searle was chosen *Adressor*; and the Rev. Ransford Wells and William Demarest were chosen *Clerks, pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the Synod were read.

\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.



## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

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ARTICLE I.

## ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

## ARTICLE II.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. John Garretson, Peter Labagh, and Benjamin Van Zandt; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Abraham Lansing.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Malcolm N. McLaren, James Stevenson, and Cornelius E. Crispell; and the Elders, William Woram and Thomas F. Mesick.

*On Missions.*—Rev. John Gosman, D. D., John F. Schermerhorn, and John De Witt; and the Elders, George Zabriskie and Rynier Van Nest.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Jeremiah Searle, Anthony El-mendorf, and Peter D. Oakey; and the Elders, Horatio P. Allen and Simon Cortelyou.

*On Overtures and Judicial Business.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., Isaac S. Demund, and Abraham B. Van Zandt; and the Elders, John Barnes and J. V. L. Overbaugh.

*On Accounts.*—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., Theodore F. Wyckoff, and John L. Janeway; and the Elders, Thomas F. Mesick and Lewis J. Hasbrouck.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., Joshua Boyd, and William J. R. Taylor; and the Elders, Sevreyn Bruyn and Lewis Carman.

*On Education.*—Rev. John Lillie, Abraham O. Halsey, and Ed-

ward P. Stimson; and the Elders, John G. Sperling and Jacob Remsen.

*On Nominations.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, Frederic F. Cornell, and William V. V. Mabon; and the Elders, Wessel B. Van Wageningen and Benjamin A. Newkirk.

*On the Widows' Fund.*—Rev. James Murphy, D. D., John B. Steele, and John L. See; and the Elders, Henry Frazee and Edward Walter.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

The Committee to draft the Report to the General Synod respectfully present the following:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in stated session in the Theological Hall in New Brunswick, on Tuesday, July 20th, 1847, at 12 o'clock M.

The following members were present:

Rev. G. H. Fisher, D. D.,  
 " John H. Duryea,  
 " M. W. Dwight, D. D.,  
 " William Demarest,  
 " David A. Jones,  
 " William A. Cornell,  
 " G. J. Garretson,  
 " M. S. Hutton, D. D.,  
 " A. M. Mann,  
 " Ira C. Boice,

Rev. James Murphy, D. D.,  
 " Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,  
 " R. P. Lee,  
 " Benj. C. Taylor, D. D.,  
 " T. W. Chambers,  
 " G. W. Bethune, D. D.,  
 " J. A. H. Cornell,  
 " J. C. Vandervoort,  
 " O. H. Gregory,  
 " John A. Staats.

The Classes of Rensselaer and Schenectady were not represented at this meeting.

After an address to the Throne of Grace, by the Rev. Dr. Dwight, the Board was organized by the election of Rev. G. W. Bethune, D. D., *President*, and Rev. T. W. Chambers, *Clerk, pro tem.*

From the Report of the Theological Faculty, the following information is derived. There have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the last year the following young gentlemen, viz.:

#### *Of the Senior Class.*

|                      |                  |                    |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Nathaniel Conklin,   | Daniel Lord,     | Richard H. Steele, |
| Jerome A. Davenport, | Jno. H. Manning, | Ab'm R. Van Nest.  |

*Of the Middle Class.*

|                    |                    |                  |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| C. Dubois Elting,  | Philip Peltz,      | John Steele,     |
| Peter Stryker,     | J. W. Hammond,     | John Adams Todd, |
| Samuel Y. Searle,  | Charles S. Stitt,  | Wm. H. Ten Eyck, |
| Rutgers Van Brunt, | Polhemus Van Wyck. |                  |

*Of the Junior Class.*

|                   |                     |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| William Anderson, | Henry Eckel,        | John Mason Ferris,  |
| Hugh G. Hedges,   | Philip Phelps, jr., | Theodore B. Romeyn, |
| John W. Schenck,  | Benj. F. Snyder,    | Jacob Van Woert.    |

The Faculty, in their Report, remark that "Mr. Manning of the Senior Class entered the institution as a member of the Presbyterian Church, but he has since changed his ecclesiastical relations by connecting himself with the Dutch Church."

The Faculty also state that Mr. Phelps of the Junior Class "has been absent during the course of the last session, and has been engaged in teaching during this time, in order to procure means to prosecute his studies." The Faculty yielded a reluctant consent, throwing Mr. P. upon his own responsibility, and recommend the favorable regard of the Board from the peculiarities of his case, viz., the character of the young gentleman, and his engagement to submit to an examination with his class. "The Providence of God has kindly preserved the health of the students; and although there have been instances of bereavement of parents, the interruptions to study were not carried beyond what the sensibilities of the heart would naturally demand. The attention to study has been generally good. The deportment of the young gentlemen has in no instance, with which the Faculty is acquainted, been inconsistent with their profession and aims; and when there were indications of something more than the ordinary presence of the Spirit of God in the College, the students of the Seminary were not without a share of the gracious influence."

In reference to the above report of the Faculty, the Board *Resolved*, that the action of the Professors in the case of Mr. Phelps be approved.

A communication was received from Mr. David Cole, requesting to be permitted to pursue a course of theological studies, with a view to licensure, but with an exemption from regular attendance at lecture hours. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Board recommend the applicant to take up his case to the next Synod for their consideration.

The students of the several classes were examined by the Professors in the various studies of their respective departments. This examination was thorough, and highly satisfactory. The students have not only made respectable progress in the acquisition of knowledge, but have been trained to the use of their own minds in the investigation of truth. The members of the Senior Class were examined on their personal piety, and their views in desiring to en-

ter the ministry. They also exhibited specimens of sermonizing and preaching.

In view of which it was *Resolved*, That the examination be unanimously sustained, and that the following young gentlemen be recommended to the Professors for their usual certificates, viz.: Nathaniel Conklin, Daniel Lord, Richard H. Steele, Jerome A. Davenport, John H. Manning, Abraham R. Van Nest.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached on the evening of the first day of the session, by Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., and at the close of the examination, the address to the students was delivered by Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D.

The seats of the following members of the Board will become vacant at the time of the next annual meeting of the General Synod, viz. :—

Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., *of the Classis of Philadelphia.*

“ James Murphy, D. D., *Classis of Montgomery.*

“ John A. Staats, *Classis of Passaic.*

“ G. Abeel, D. D., *Classis of Cayuga.*

“ John A. Yates, D. D., *Classis of Schenectady.*

“ J. A. H. Cornell, *Classis of Albany.*

“ Oscar H. Gregory, *Classis of Watervliet.*

In conclusion, the Board desire to offer their thanks to the Great Head of the Church, for His fostering care continued to the school of the prophets, and to express to the General Synod their confidence and hopes in its increasing prosperity and usefulness.

GEORGE W. BETHUNE, *President.*

A true copy from the original Minutes.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk of the Board.*

Communications were received from the Classis of New Brunswick, South Classis of New York, Classis of Schenectady and Classis of Orange, recommending suitable persons to receive aid from the funds of the Synod in the prosecution of their studies, preparatory to the gospel ministry, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on the State of the Church appointed at the last General Synod, (p. 196,) submitted their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Minutes of General Synod.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to the Institutions at New Brunswick be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., William H. Campbell, D. D., Nicolas J. Marselus, D. D., Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.,

and the Elders, Horatio P. Allen, Anthony Van Bergen, William Mandeville and John Q. Wilson, with power to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College, and report at a subsequent meeting of the General Synod.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to Missions be referred to the Committee on Missions.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of Education and the Beneficiary system, be referred to the Committee on Education.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of the Sabbath School Union, be referred to the Committee on Education.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of Ecclesiastical Organization, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Jeremiah Searle, John Gosman, D. D., Benjamin Van Zandt, Peter Labagh, Isaac S. Demund, and M. N. McLaren, and the Elders, William Woram, Lewis J. Hasbrouck, Sevreyn Bruyn and Simon Cortelyou.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of a Religious Journal, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., and Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and J. V. L. Overbaugh.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the subject of the Liturgy, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. John Garretson, George W. Bethune, D. D., William H. Campbell, D. D., and the Elders, Sevreyn Bruyn and Horatio P. Allen, to report at the next meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of Church Music, be referred to the Committee on the Liturgy.

*Resolved*, That the residue of the report be referred to the next General Synod.

A report was received from the committee appointed by the last General Synod, (p. 187,) to raise funds by subscription for the purpose of liquidating the debts of General Synod, and providing means for repairing the College edifice, &c., which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

## ARTICLE IV.

## BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the investments by the Board, a list of the endowed Scholarships in the Theological College, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, together with accounts current of said Board with the Board of Education and the Widows' Fund, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, were referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The Board of Direction respectfully report : That during the past year they have given to the important interests confided to them their earnest attention; and that every act which they have performed, has, as in all former times, been with entire unanimity.

The contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, for printing and publishing a new edition of the Psalms and Hymns of our Church, as authorized by General Synod at its last meeting, has been duly executed. The Psalm and Hymn-book is published and before the churches.

The Rev. William H. Van Doren, of Williamsburgh, some time ago delivered to the Treasurer his bond to General Synod, conditioned to pay the sum of seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, or the annual interest thereof at a voluntary rate, such interest to form a premium to be paid to any member of either the Seminary or College under the care of our Church, who shall write the best original Essay on Missions, the premium to be awarded by four persons, viz., a member of the Theological Faculty and a member of the College Faculty, in rotation, beginning with the eldest in office, together with one each chosen annually by the Foreign and Domestic Boards of Missions; and Mr. Van Doren having placed with the Treasurer a sum to pay to the individual (Mr. Van Brunt) to whom the premium has been awarded for the present year, it was judged expedient that the Treasurer should return the amount of the premium to Mr. Van Doren, that he himself might on this occasion pay over the same, and that the subject of the establishment of a fund by Mr. Van Doren, to secure annually a Missionary Prize Essay be referred to the Synod. Your action in the premises is accordingly respectfully requested. Mr. Van Doren's object is

benevolent, his proposal liberal, and the effect of carrying it out will undoubtedly be to elicit talent and effort, and to subserve the interest of the great missionary cause.

The Treasurer has paid the amount which had been received by him for the Board of Domestic Missions, with interest, viz., one thousand three hundred and forty dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$1,340 59) into the Treasury of said Board, as directed by Synod.

Until last year it was the happiness of this Board for a long series of years to inform the Synod that its income was equal to its expenditures, and that all its pecuniary obligations were promptly met. Last year it became our painful duty to report to the Synod that a deficiency of about one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) had occurred, mainly by the payment during the two previous successive years of a debt of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to the Trustees of Rutgers College, without any special provision having been made to meet such payment.

To supply this deficiency and reimburse the Treasury, as well as to secure some other objects regarded as important, the last Synod appointed a Committee to solicit contributions from the friends of the Church. From this Committee nothing has yet been received into the Treasury. It is however believed that they have not been neglectful of the object of their appointment. The indebtedness remains, and is felt to be embarrassing. The Board renew the expression of their anxiety that it may be paid. This cannot be done from the ordinary income of the Synod. They therefore request that the Committee on the subject be continued; or that some other method be adopted by the Synod, for the earliest possible relief of its treasury.

The Treasurer's accounts, herewith submitted, will show the state of the several funds, distinctly, clearly, and in detail.

The securities held by the Synod are believed to be good, and the interest on its investments is punctually paid.

The interest on a portion of the outstanding subscriptions towards the endowment of the third professorship is not so punctually met. Even the most confident anticipations of the Board have in some instances been disappointed. The Board are very anxious to procure payment of these subscriptions, and employ their best efforts for their collection. In the mutation of human affairs serious losses have already occurred, and the longer they remain the greater will be the loss.

Very little change in the condition of the Widows' Fund has taken place during the year. As far as it operates, its influence is most benign. It ministers to the necessities and comforts of the needy, the widow, the fatherless, the aged and infirm, and is entitled to the confidence and liberality of all the churches.

During this year there has been received, viz. :—

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| From collections, &c., (to be added to the principal,) | \$306 40        |
| “ Subscriptions of ministers, (income,)                | \$764 20        |
| “ Interest, &c., (income,) - - -                       | 730 63—1,494 83 |

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Total income, - - - - - | \$1,494 83 |
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The number of contributing subscribers is fifty-six.

There are at present on the fund, seven annuitants—

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Three of whom receive, each, per annum, - - - | \$200 00 |
| One “ “ “ - - - - -                           | 175 00   |
| One “ “ “ - - - - -                           | 150 00   |
| One “ “ “ - - - - -                           | 100 00   |
| One “ “ “ - - - - -                           | 75 00    |

The Board, unwilling to interfere with the committee of Synod, appointed to procure funds to pay its debt, and repair its property during the early part of the year, abstained from the appointment of an agent to collect for the increase of the “Widows’ Fund.” Recently an agent has been appointed, and the Board feel disposed to give to this important subject their earnest attention.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, is appointed to give to General Synod any further information that may be required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX,

W. B. CROSBY,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

} *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

*New York, 5th June, 1848.*



# TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in  
account with ISAAC YOUNG, their Treasurer.*

| 1847.  |    | Dr.                                                                                                                                                                  |            |
|--------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| June   | 3  | To cash paid Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.,.....                                                | \$393 75   |
|        |    | “ “ Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.,.....                                                              | 393 75     |
|        |    | “ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.,.....                                                          | 437 50     |
|        | 7  | “ “ Rev. Dr. Schoonmaker, his travelling expenses as delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,.....                                               | 25 00      |
|        | 11 | “ “ Isaac Young, Treasurer, &c., one year's salary, due yesterday,.....                                                                                              | \$250 00   |
|        |    | Postage and discount,.....                                                                                                                                           | 3 00       |
|        |    | for management of the Widows' Fund,.....                                                                                                                             | 150 00     |
|        |    | Postage and discount,.....                                                                                                                                           | 22         |
|        |    |                                                                                                                                                                      | 403 22     |
|        |    | “ “ Rev. Dr. Murphy, his subscription for one year to the Widows' Fund, withdrawn,                                                                                   | 20 00      |
|        | 16 | “ “ John M. Keese, acting Treasurer of the Board of Education, the interest on the invested Scholarships, up to the 4th inst.                                        | 921 00     |
|        | 22 | “ “ Door-keeper's bill for attendance on General Synod at their session the present month,                                                                           | 21 12      |
|        | 23 | “ “ Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of \$5,000 to Rutgers College,.....                                                 | 300 00     |
|        |    | “ “ Peter Spader, disbursed by him for repairs to Rutgers College,.....                                                                                              | 24 48      |
| July   | 17 | “ “ John A. Gray, for printing the Minutes of General Synod, Index to the Constitution, &c.,.....                                                                    | 201 19     |
| August | 6  | “ “ John Compton, towards his salary for six months as Janitor of Rutgers College, due 25th July last,.....                                                          | 50 00      |
|        | 9  | “ “ Abraham Van Nest, his travelling expenses as delegate to the Triennial Convention of the Dutch and German Churches, held at Harrisburgh, Pa., 8th Aug., 1844,... | 20 00      |
|        |    | Carried forward, .....                                                                                                                                               | \$3,211 01 |

| 1847.      | Dr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                |
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|            | Brought forward.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$3,211 01                                                     |
| August 17  | To cash paid Thomas C. Doremus, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, heretofore received from that Board, and invested on bond and mortgage, and now repaid with the interest.....                                                                                                                                | 1,275 52                                                       |
|            | “ “ also paid him this amount, being the balance uninvested.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 65 07                                                          |
|            | “ “ also paid him 10 months and 24 days interest to this day on \$250, the interest of which was devised by Jacob Van Benschoten, deceased, for Domestic Missions.....                                                                                                                                                    | 15 67                                                          |
|            | “ “ also paid him on account of one equal sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, deceased, devised by her to Domestic Missions.....                                                                                                                                                                 | 46 86                                                          |
|            | “ “ William R. Thompson, Treasurer, &c., on account of one equal sixth part of the residuary estate of Elizabeth P. Hornbeck, devised by her to Foreign Missions.....                                                                                                                                                     | 46 86                                                          |
| 21         | “ “ John B. Dingeldein, loaned him on bond and mortgage, on property in the city of New York.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12,000 00                                                      |
| Sept. 3    | “ “ Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 393 75                                                         |
| 6          | “ “ Rev. Dr. De Witt, advanced by him in Holland for certain documents in relation to the History of the Church.....                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 80 00                                                          |
| 7          | “ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 437 50                                                         |
| 13         | “ “ Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 393 75                                                         |
| October 26 | “ “ the Delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, held at Lancaster, Pa., 14th inst., their travelling expenses, viz. :—<br>Rev. Ransford Wells.....\$33 50<br>Rev. Jacob C. Sears, D. D.,..... 10 50                                                                                                 | 44 00                                                          |
| Nov. 1     | “ “ the annuitants on the Widows' Fund, the amounts due to them this day, out of the income of the Fund for the last six months, viz. :—<br>Clarissa H. Wood.....<br>Mary Bourne.....<br>Lydia M. W. Sluyter.....<br>Catharine E. Van Wagenen.....<br>Maria Rudy.....<br>Jane Hunt.....<br>Rev. Zachariah H. Kuypers..... | 87 50<br>50 00<br>100 00<br>100 00<br>75 00<br>37 50<br>100 00 |
|            | Carried forward.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$18,559 99                                                    |

| 1847.   | Dr.                                                                                                                                                |             |
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|         | Brought forward,.....                                                                                                                              | \$18,559 99 |
| Nov. 27 | To cash paid Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one half of the Salary of the Librarian for one year,.....                                | 50 00       |
|         | " " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., for fuel for the College, for the current year,.....                                                             | 20 00       |
| Dec. 6  | " " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst. ....                                              | 393 75      |
|         | " " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....                                        | 393 75      |
|         | " " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....                                         | 437 50      |
| 14      | " " John M. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of the interest on the invested Scholarships up to 4th inst. ....               | 800 00      |
| 1848.   |                                                                                                                                                    |             |
| Jan. 12 | " " Greenwich Insurance Company, premium of insurance for \$5000 for one year on Rutgers College,.....                                             | 30 00       |
|         | " " North River Insurance Company, premium of insurance for \$3000 for one year on Rutgers College,.....                                           | 18 00       |
| 26      | " " John Compton, Janitor of Rutgers College, his salary for six months, due yesterday,.....                                                       | 50 00       |
| March 4 | " " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....                                             | 393 75      |
|         | " " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....                                        | 393 75      |
|         | " " Rev. Dr. De Witt, his subscription to the Widows' Fund for four years, withdrawn,.....                                                         | 80 00       |
| 31      | " " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....                                         | 437 50      |
| April 7 | " " for building a wood-house, and sundry repairs, &c., at Rutgers College,.....                                                                   | 78 36       |
| May 1   | " " the annuitants on the Widows' Fund, the several annuities due to them this day, out of the income of the Fund for the last six months, viz. :— |             |
|         | Clarissa H. Wood,.....                                                                                                                             | \$87 50     |
|         | Mary Bourne,.....                                                                                                                                  | 50 00       |
|         | Lydia M. W. Snyter,.....                                                                                                                           | 100 00      |
|         | Catharine E. Van Wagenen,.....                                                                                                                     | 100 00      |
|         | Maria Rudy,.....                                                                                                                                   | 75 00       |
|         | Jane Hunt,.....                                                                                                                                    | 37 50       |
|         | Rev. Z. H. Kuypers,.....                                                                                                                           | 100 00      |
|         |                                                                                                                                                    | 550 00      |
|         | Carried forward,.....                                                                                                                              | \$22,686 35 |

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|      |   | Brought forward,.....                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$22,686 | 35     |
| May  | 1 | To cash paid the following persons their travelling expenses, &c., incurred as delegates to the Triennial Convention of the Dutch and German Churches, held at Reading, Pa., on the 11th August, 1847 :— |          |        |
|      |   | Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | \$22     | 75     |
|      |   | “ N. J. Marselus, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                            | 16       | 00     |
|      |   | “ B. C. Taylor, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 15       | 91     |
|      |   | “ J. Schoonmaker, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                            | 16       | 00     |
|      |   | “ Abraham Messler, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                           | 10       | 25     |
|      |   | “ Henry J. Kip,.....                                                                                                                                                                                     | 16       | 00     |
|      |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          | 96 91  |
|      |   | “ “ the following persons, their travelling expenses, &c., incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College :—                                               |          |        |
|      |   | Rev. A. M. Mann,.....                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$9      | 50     |
|      |   | “ William A. Cornell,.....                                                                                                                                                                               | 5        | 00     |
|      |   | “ Robert P. Lee, Junr.,.....                                                                                                                                                                             | 5        | 00     |
|      |   | “ O. H. Gregory,.....                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8        | 50     |
|      |   | “ William Demarest,.....                                                                                                                                                                                 | 11       | 00     |
|      |   | “ James Murphy, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 17       | 00     |
|      |   | “ Gustavus Abeel, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                            | 20       | 00     |
|      |   | “ John C. Vandervoort,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 8        | 25     |
|      |   | “ James A. Cornell,.....                                                                                                                                                                                 | 12       | 00     |
|      |   | “ John A. Staats,.....                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3        | 00     |
|      |   | “ Ira C. Boice,.....                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7        | 50     |
|      |   | “ George W. Bethune, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                         | 7        | 00     |
|      |   | “ David A. Jones,.....                                                                                                                                                                                   | 11       | 00     |
|      |   | “ Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                        | 1        | 69     |
|      |   | “ D. D. Demarest, Stated Clerk, disbursements, &c.,.....                                                                                                                                                 | 4        | 53     |
|      |   | “ Garret J. Garretson,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 3        | 00     |
|      |   | “ Geo. H. Fisher, D. D., twice, ..                                                                                                                                                                       | 4        | 00     |
|      |   | “ James A. H. Cornell,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 7        | 00     |
|      |   | “ William Demarest,.....                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7        | 50     |
|      |   | “ John H. Duryee,.....                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6        | 50     |
|      |   | “ M. W. Dwight, D. D.,.....                                                                                                                                                                              | 1        | 50     |
|      |   | “ Talbot W. Chambers,.....                                                                                                                                                                               | 4        | 00     |
|      |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          | 164 47 |
| June | 1 | To balance in Bank of New York,.....                                                                                                                                                                     | 3,867    | 22     |
|      |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |        |
|      |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$26,814 | 95     |

| 1847.   |    | Cr.                                                                                                                                                 |             |
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| June    | 1  | Balance brought from last account,.....                                                                                                             | \$3,941 88  |
|         | 5  | By cash received, six months' interest on bond for \$4,000,<br>due yesterday,.....                                                                  | 120 00      |
|         |    | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$2,000,<br>due 23d April last,.....                                                                           | 60 00       |
|         | 10 | “ “ six months' interest on three bonds,<br>amounting to \$9,600,.....                                                                              | 331 50      |
|         | 11 | “ “ of David L. Haight, his subscription to<br>the Widows' Fund,.....                                                                               | 100 00      |
|         | 12 | “ “ for a dividend on twenty-three shares of<br>Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which<br>belong to Rutgers College,.....                              | 5 75        |
|         | 23 | “ “ of Peter Spader, balance of interest on<br>bonds and mortgages in his hands<br>belonging to the Professoral Fund,<br>amounting to \$2,680,..... | 152 76      |
| July    | 19 | “ “ balance of a collection in the Franklin<br>street church, New York, for the<br>Widows' Fund, after deducting pas-<br>tor's subscription,.....   | 4 50        |
| August  | 7  | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$3,500,<br>due 31st July last,.....                                                                           | 105 00      |
|         | 14 | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$1,000,<br>due yesterday,.....                                                                                | 30 00       |
|         |    | “ “ in full payment of the principal of Wm.<br>Hagar's two bonds, amounting to<br>\$10,000, with interest from 22d May<br>last to this day,.....    | 10,160 89   |
|         | 17 | “ “ in full payment of the principal of<br>William H. Degroot's bond for \$2,000<br>with interest,.....                                             | 2,055 87    |
| Sept.   | 1  | “ “ Bank of New York, loaned to Synod on<br>their note payable on demand with<br>interest,.....                                                     | 1,200 00    |
|         | 2  | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$3,500,<br>due yesterday,.....                                                                                | 105 00      |
|         | 6  | “ “ of Peter Spader, the principal and<br>interest of Benjamin Sampson's bond<br>and mortgage, belonging to the Pro-<br>fessoral Fund,.....         | 512 75      |
| October | 25 | “ “ six months' interest on bonds for \$3,500,<br>due 16th inst.,.....                                                                              | 122 50      |
|         | 30 | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$8,500,<br>due 3d inst.,.....                                                                                 | 255 00      |
| Nov.    | 2  | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$2,800,<br>due 27th October last,.....                                                                        | 84 00       |
|         | 5  | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$2,500,<br>due 26th October last,.....                                                                        | 75 00       |
|         |    | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$6,000,<br>due 1st inst.,.....                                                                                | 180 00      |
|         | 6  | “ “ six months' interest on bonds for \$8,500,<br>due this day,.....                                                                                | 249 00      |
|         | 22 | “ “ six months' interest on bond for \$10,000,<br>due this day,.....                                                                                | 300 00      |
|         |    | Carried forward,.....                                                                                                                               | \$20,151 40 |

| 1847.                 | Cr.                                                                                                                              |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                       | Brought forward,.....                                                                                                            | \$20,151 40 |
| Nov. 22               | By cash received, six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 1st inst.,.....                                                  | 70 00       |
| Dec. 4                | " " six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due this day,.....                                                                 | 120 00      |
| 10                    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 21st November last,.....                                                       | 180 00      |
| 14                    | " " of Rev. Jacob C. Sears, D. D., to be added to the sum heretofore paid by him to secure an interest in the Widows' Fund,..... | 10 50       |
| 22                    | " " six months' interest on Bond for \$5,000, due 1st November last,.....                                                        | 150 00      |
| 27                    | " " donation by a Lady at New Utrecht to the Widows' Fund,.....                                                                  | 2 00        |
| 29                    | " " a donation by a member of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New York, to the Widows' Fund, per Rev. Dr. Knox,.....                | 20 00       |
| 1848.                 |                                                                                                                                  |             |
| Jan. 7                | " " of John B. Dunham, six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d October last,.....                                      | 70 00       |
| 10                    | " " collected in the Coll. Dutch Churches, New York, for the Widows' Fund,...                                                    | 169 40      |
| 14                    | " " six months' interest on bond to General Synod, for \$1,000, due yesterday.....                                               | 30 00       |
| Feb. 15               | " " six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 8th December last,.....                                                        | 150 00      |
|                       | " " one year's interest on bond for \$1,700, due 10th January last,.....                                                         | 102 00      |
| 19                    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$12,000, due 21st inst.,.....                                                              | 390 00      |
| 28                    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 31st January last,.....                                                        | 105 00      |
| March 2               | " " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due yesterday,.....                                                                | 105 00      |
| April 19              | " " six months' interest on bonds for \$3,500, due 16th inst.,.....                                                              | 122 50      |
| May 1                 | " " six months' interest on bond for \$8,500, due 3d April last,.....                                                            | 255 00      |
|                       | " " six months' interest on bond for \$2,900, due 16th December last,.....                                                       | 87 00       |
| 2                     | " " six months' interest on bond for \$2,800, due 27th April last,.....                                                          | 84 00       |
| 4                     | " " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 1st inst.,.....                                                                | 180 00      |
| 5                     | " " six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th April last,.....                                                          | 75 00       |
| 6                     | " " six months' interest on bonds for \$8,300, due this day,.....                                                                | 249 00      |
| 8                     | " " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d April last,.....                                                           | 70 00       |
| Carried forward,..... |                                                                                                                                  | \$22,947 80 |

| 1848. | Cr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |
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|       | Brought forward,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$22,947 80 |
| May 8 | By cash received of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c.,<br>the principal fo James Brown's<br>bond belonging to the Profess-<br>oral Fund of the Theological<br>College,.....\$180 00<br>and one year's interest thereon,<br>to 1st inst.,..... 10 80 |             |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 190 80      |
|       | " " of Peter Spader, agent, &c., the balance<br>of interest in his hands of the Profes-<br>soral Fund of the Theological College,                                                                                                              | 112 83      |
| 19    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000,<br>due 22d inst.,.....                                                                                                                                                                          | 300 00      |
| 24    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000,<br>due 1st inst.,.....                                                                                                                                                                           | 70 00       |
|       | " " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000,<br>due 21st inst.,.....                                                                                                                                                                          | 180 00      |
| 26    | " " balance of a collection in the Reformed<br>Dutch Church in Franklin street for<br>the Widows' Fund, after deducting<br>the pastor's subscription for one year,                                                                             | 1 57        |
| 27    | " " six months' interest on bond for \$5,000,<br>due 1st inst.,.....                                                                                                                                                                           | 150 00      |
| 31    | " " one year's interest on bonds for \$26,000,<br>of Collegiate Dutch Churches,.....                                                                                                                                                           | 1,560 00    |
|       | " " of the following persons, the interest for<br>one year on their subscriptions to the<br>Permanent Fund, viz. :—                                                                                                                            |             |
|       | David L. Haight,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30 00       |
|       | Samuel Smith,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15 00       |
|       | David W. Wetmore,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 20 00       |
|       | Collegiate Dutch Churches, New York,<br>of the following clergymen, their sub-<br>scriptions to the Widows' Fund :—                                                                                                                            | 300 00      |
|       | Rev. Ransford Wells,.....\$40 00                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |
|       | " John M. Van Buren,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |
|       | " Edward H. May,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
|       | " James Donald,..... 40 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
|       | " J. B. Hardenbergh, D. D.,... 40 00                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             |
|       | " Benjamin Bassler,..... 40 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |
|       | " James Scott, D. D.,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |
|       | " David A. Jones,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
|       | " George G. Sill,..... 40 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
|       | " Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |
|       | " Nicholas E. Smith,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |
|       | " Samuel Harlow,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
|       | " Cornelius Wyckoff,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |
|       | " Joseph Wilson,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |
|       | " Peter J. Quick,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
|       | " R. W. Knight,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
|       | " W. W. Halloway,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
|       | " Henry A. Raymond,..... 20 00                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |
|       | " B. Van Zandt, and interest, 41 80                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$501 80    |
|       | Carried forward,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$25,878 00 |

| 1848.  | Cr.                                                            |             |
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|        | Brought forward,.....                                          | \$25,878 00 |
| May 31 | By cash rec'd of Rev. John Abeel Baldwin,.....                 | \$20 00     |
|        | “ A. B. Winfield,.....                                         | 20 00       |
|        | “ Israel Hammond,.....                                         | 20 00       |
|        | “ Brogun Hoff,.....                                            | 20 00       |
|        | “ S. Robertson, and interest,.....                             | 22 40       |
|        | “ Charles Whitehead,.....                                      | 20 00       |
|        | “ R. Ormiston Currie,.....                                     | 20 00       |
|        | “ John S. Mabon,.....                                          | 20 00       |
|        | “ Jacob A. Lansing,.....                                       | 20 00       |
|        | “ Charles Jukes,.....                                          | 20 00       |
|        | “ Samuel M. Woodbridge,.....                                   | 20 00       |
|        | “ Thomas B. Gregory,.....                                      | 20 00       |
|        | “ Alexander H. Warner,.....                                    | 20 00       |
|        |                                                                | 764 20      |
| “ “    | from the following Classes, for<br>Minutes of General Synod :— |             |
|        | Philadelphia,.....                                             | \$33 50     |
|        | Watervliet,.....                                               | 1 25        |
|        | Paramus,.....                                                  | 24 00       |
|        | Albany,.....                                                   | 5 00        |
|        | Bergen,.....                                                   | 13 75       |
|        | Hudson,.....                                                   | 9 00        |
|        | Passaic,.....                                                  | 5 25        |
|        | New York,.....                                                 | 25 00       |
|        | South Classis of Long Island,.....                             | 6 75        |
|        | South Classis of New York,.....                                | 35 00       |
|        | Ulster,.....                                                   | 8 00        |
|        | Illinois,.....                                                 | 2 50        |
|        | Minutes sold,.....                                             | 3 75        |
|        |                                                                | 172 75      |
|        |                                                                | \$26,814 95 |
|        | By balance carried to new account,.....                        | \$3,867 22  |

[Errors excepted.]

1st June, 1848.

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of three thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, }  
W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

New York, June 5th, 1848.



# ANNUAL DIGEST. 1848.

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THE Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :—

## FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

### THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey, amounted, on the 1st April, 1848, to. |  | \$20,250 00 |
| Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1848,.....                                                                                                                                                             |  | 206 67      |
| Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1848,.....                                                                                                                                                          |  | 1,391 87    |
| There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,.....                                                                                                  |  | 1,295 00    |

### LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

|                                                                                                                      |  |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------|
| The amount of this Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage of property in the State of New Jersey, is..... |  | \$2,000 00 |
| Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1848,.....                                                                       |  | 120 00     |
| There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,.....             |  | 170 00     |
| Balance in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1848,.....                                          |  | 7 11       |

|                                                                                                                   |  |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Amount of monies invested by the Board of Direction for Educational Purposes, on Bonds secured by Mortgages,..... |  | \$31,135 00 |
| Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1848,.....                         |  | 145 30      |
| Balance of interest in his hands on that day,.....                                                                |  | 988 77      |

## WIDOWS' FUND.

|                                                                                                                                                                       |  |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Amount of monies invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widows' Fund,.....                                                        |  | \$11,750 00 |
| Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, ..                                                                                               |  | 202 89      |
| Balance of income in his hands, to be distributed,.....                                                                                                               |  | 592 09      |
| There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto,..... |  | 1,100 00    |

**PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.**

Under this head are included all the monies which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the monies formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz. :

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except the Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, which are not accompanied by Mortgages),.....                                                                                                                | \$68,065 00     |
| Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st day of May, 1848, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New Jersey,..... | 2,000 00        |
| Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at.....                                                                                                                                                                                            | 575 00          |
| Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 510 50          |
| Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <u>1,180 00</u> |

|                                                                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,.....                 | \$25,200 00        |
| From which is to be deducted this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,..... | <u>5,250 00</u>    |
| Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,.....                                             | <u>\$19,950 00</u> |

**BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**

|                                                                                                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| There has been invested for this Board, during the past year, on Bond secured by Mortgage,..... | <u>\$250 00</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|

**MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.**

|                                                                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year, ..... | \$172 75      |
| And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c., &c.....                 | <u>201 19</u> |

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX,

W. B. CROSBY,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

} *Directors.*

*New York, 31st May, 1848.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen : Mr. ABRAHAM VAN NEST, *President* ; Messrs. WILLIAM B. CROSBY, THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN, and Rev. JOHN KNOX, D. D., *Directors* ; and Mr. ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

## ARTICLE V.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from the Rev. Henry Harbaugh and Rev. D. Zacharias, D. D., corresponding delegates appointed by the Synod of the German Reformed Church, stating that it would be impracticable for them to attend the present meeting of the Synod.

The following report was received from the delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :—

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The undersigned, delegate of General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully report : that he has fulfilled his appointment, having just returned from the city of Baltimore, where that reverend body convened ; that he took his seat with them on the 23d of May, and continued in attendance upon their sessions until the 31st ult. Your delegate would also state, that he was received and treated with much Christian kindness and brotherly affection, and that he was invited to take part in the interesting religious exercises of the Assembly ; that he was made to feel, both by the spirit which pervaded that body, and by the mode in which they transacted the business which came before them, the identity of that Church with the one he had the honor to represent. Your delegate was highly gratified by the zeal and energy, not only for the truth and for vital godliness, but for the advance and extension of their Church and its order. The reports of their several Boards were full of interest, and recorded the manifest blessing of our Lord and Saviour.

M. S. HUTTON.

*New York, June 1st, 1848.*

The following Report was received from the delegates appointed to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church at their last meeting :—

We, the undersigned, respectfully report, that in fulfilment of the appointment by General Synod, at its last session, we attended the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church in October last, held in the city of Lancaster, Pa. That your delegates were cordially received, and whilst there, treated with all Christian kindness and courtesy—thereby evincing the high regard entertained for the body they had the honor to represent, and the desire to perpetuate the fraternal feeling which had been so long and tenderly cherished. Although nothing transpired during our stay but what related to their own ecclesiastical concerns, yet their deliberations and decisions on the several subjects

calling for their action, were of such a character as to give the most gratifying impression of their determination to occupy an honorable position in the great Christian family, and to be zealous co-operators with other portions of the Church of Jesus Christ in advancing the kingdom of the Redeemer in our world.

JACOB C. SEARS,  
RANSFORD WELLS.

*May 31st, 1848.*

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Secretary of the Committee on Christian Union, appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, accompanied with the report and resolutions adopted by the Assembly in relation to the same, which was referred to the Committee of Conference on the subject of Christian Union, appointed by the last General Synod, (p. 142.)

The Rev. James W. Stewart, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The delegate laid on the table of the Synod six copies of the Minutes of the session of the Assembly in 1847, ten copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, and ten copies of the Report of said Board on Parochial Schools, presented to the General Assembly in May, 1847.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Triennial Convention of Delegates from the Synod of the German Reformed Church, from the Synod of Ohio and the adjacent States, and from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, which assembled at Reading, Pa., in the month of August, 1847, were received, read, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Samuel B. How, D. D., and John Lillie, and the Elders, Teunis Van Vechten and Wessel B. Van Wagenen. The committee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee on the reference made by the Triennial Convention of Delegates from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the German Reformed Church, of the subject of continuing said Convention, to the General Synods of the respective Churches would respectfully report—

That no documents have been submitted to them, save the Minutes of the Convention itself.

That no matters, discussions or reasonings appear in said Minutes, to direct your committee to any conclusion, but the vote on the question of discontinuance.

That as by this vote it appears that the whole vote of the delegation of the Reformed Dutch Church was cast for discontinuance :

That therefore, however desirable the continuance of this Convention may be deemed by many in both Churches, your committee have no alternative but to recommend to this Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*, That this Synod affirm the vote of their delegation, that the said Convention be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman*.

The Minute Book, containing the Minutes of the proceedings of the Triennial Convention, being on the table of Synod, it was

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have a transcript of the records embraced in said book made, and that the book be then sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen :

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., *Primarius*, and the Rev. Isaac S. Demund, *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church*—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, and Abraham B. Van Zandt, *Primarii*, and the Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyke and John H. Pitcher, *Secundi*.

## ARTICLE VI.

### SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee of Arrangements for that purpose, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., John Lillie and Anthony Elmendorf, and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and John Barnes.

*Resolved*, That a Synodical prayer-meeting be held every morning

during the present session, in the Consistory-room of this church, to commence at 6 o'clock.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report :

That in discharging the duty assigned them, they have found cause for mingled expressions of thanksgiving and humiliation. Our Church is enjoying in a good degree external prosperity ; harmony of sentiment and action is prevalent throughout her borders. Two hundred and thirty-five of our churches are reported as being supplied by settled pastors, who proclaim from Sabbath to Sabbath the gospel, and beseech sinners to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. There are also within our bounds about thirty vacant congregations. These, with few exceptions, are exceedingly weak and feeble. Either from want of ability or disposition, or as is probable in most cases from both, they will do very little to support the gospel among them. Of a great portion of them it may truly be said, "that the things which remain are ready to die," and if they are ever resuscitated and made vigorous, they must receive the fostering care of the Missionary Society for a considerable time to come. There are also within the bounds of the Church about sixty ordained ministers without charge. Of these, a few are our venerable fathers, who have arrived to that time of life that they may be considered as men for counsel rather than action, and whose infirmities justly excuse them from the onerous duties of a parochial charge ; and there are a number who are usefully employed in teaching in colleges and the higher seminaries of learning. There are others who are men in the vigor of life, and equally qualified with most of those who are actually employed in leading on "the hosts of God's elect," who are nevertheless reposing from labor ; and though, like other men of exemplary piety, they may be exercising a salutary influence in the circles in which they move, yet are not, properly speaking, exercising the high and holy duties which appertain to them as ministers of Jesus Christ. We are not disposed, however, to utter in regard to these men the indiscriminate language of reproof. If men withdraw from the active duties of the ministry for the sake of ease, it is a base desertion of ordination vows and highly censurable ; but to administer rebuke to men who are not only ready, but are looking for opportunities to discharge their appropriate duties, while the door is closed against them, would be out of place. Such is believed to be the case in regard to several of our ministers without charge, and while they sigh in secret that no opportunity is afforded them of gratifying the benevolent feelings of their hearts, in laboring for the salvation of sinners, they are rather objects of sympathy than censure. Although your committee may be touching upon what more properly belongs to the Committee on

Missions, or Church extension, yet they can scarce refrain in this place from saying, that in order that our ministers and the young men coming from our Theological Seminary may find employment in our Church, it will be necessary to enlarge our borders by the occupation of new fields. The voice of Providence at the present time, they think, calls loudly for this. The number of our churches to be sure has within a few years considerably increased, but this has been done in most cases by dividing the larger churches, instead of occupying new ground. This business has already been carried to an extent that may be considered of doubtful expediency, and, should it be continued, it is apprehended that it will impair the efficiency of the body, and the policy may be as questionable as it would be for a general to exchange an army of veterans for twice or three times the number of invalids. In this way, we multiply churches needing missionary aid, while we diminish the number of those who have ability to contribute to the Missionary Society. Your committee feel that "the field is the world;" that "there is yet much land to be possessed;" that the welfare and perhaps the existence of the Church, require that she should be aggressive in her operations. But they will not longer dwell upon matters which, perhaps, will more properly come within the province of others.

It gives them pleasure to be able to state that Sabbath-schools exist in most if not in all our congregations, in which the rising generation are receiving biblical and catechetical instruction. Nor has God suffered these and other means to be used, without producing in some degree their appropriate fruits and effects. He has accompanied them in several instances with the gentle dews of his grace, by which his people have been refreshed and invigorated in the divine life, and some who were dead in trespasses and sins have been made alive, and are now fruit-bearing plants in the vineyards of the Lord. In a few places the influences of the divine Spirit have fallen in showers, causing in each a season of gladness to his people and of saving mercy to many who had hitherto lived without hope and without God in the world. The Synod of New York say in their Report, that "the Classes of New Jersey exhibit an interesting state of things." They speak of the First church of New Brunswick, Middlebush and Bedminster, as enjoying in more than an ordinary degree the influences of the Holy Spirit. The Synod of Albany designate Greenbush and Nassau, in the Classis of Rensselaer; Kingston, in the Classis of Ulster; and the Second church of Berne, and Onisquethaw, in the Classis of Albany, as having enjoyed precious revival seasons, which have resulted in numbers being added to the Church. These things furnish evidence that God has not forgotten to be gracious, and encourage those appointed to "go forth bearing precious seed," to trust in the divine promises and continue to sow in hope. It appears from the statistical returns, that eight hundred have been added to our churches the past year on confession, being two hundred and ninety-five more

than the number of deaths reported. And the increase of members by both confession and certificate, after deducting the number of deaths, dismissions and suspensions, amounts to five hundred and thirty-eight.

But while there are spots in our history rendered bright and cheerful by the beams of the divine favor, for which we desire to offer our tribute of praise and thanksgiving to God, yet we must not forget that these spots are few, and that the spiritual interests of the Church on the whole are not the most flattering. It must not be concealed that there is a very general stupidity in relation to the things of religion—a lethargic state of the spiritual affections, by which the exhibition of truth is rendered in a great measure powerless, and its salutary and saving influences are not experienced. Formality to an alarming extent characterizes the professed followers of Christ, and a sad conformity to the world betrays itself. Say the Synod of Albany in their report, “The spirit of the world has intruded upon the humble, self-denying and devout spirit of the gospel.” They add: “Even carnal wisdom and worldly policy is resorted to, to advance the interests and sustain the institutions of the Church.” Such a state of things is to be deplored. All attempts to advance the interests of religion and sound morals, by the Church’s entering into a compromise with the world, ever has, and ever will prove disastrous in the result. If evils are to be removed, it must be done not by sacrificing any Christian principle to induce others to help us, but by trusting in God and going forward, even though single-handed, with no weapon but the sword of the Spirit. This has been found successful by reformers in every age, and it will still prove mighty through God, to reclaim men from their vices and prepare them for heaven. The present is a day which calls upon Christians in an especial manner to be separate from the world, and watchful lest they be so influenced by its policy as to sacrifice to it that simplicity and godly sincerity which has ever been the greatest ornament and safeguard of the Church.

Your committee on the whole would say, that while they see in the state of the Church many things which call for humiliation, they also see much that is encouraging. They consider it a happy indication, that a spirit of inquiry in regard to what shall be done to promote the welfare and advance the interests of the Church is becoming prevalent. Let us awake to more zeal in supporting our benevolent institutions, feel that our help is in God, and labor and pray for the influences of his Spirit; then may we hope to see our Zion appear like a well-watered garden, abounding in all the fruits of righteousness. Our time here is short. Every year tells of some of our fellow-laborers who have finished their course and gone to their account; and we would here, with the hand of Christian affection, record the name of Rev. JOHN E. MILLER, who died the 23d of August last, as one of the most self-denying, devoted and esteemed ministers of our Church. May we all hear the voice which



says to us, "Work while the day lasts, for the night of death cometh in which no man can work."

Your committee would close their report by submitting the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That Synod have heard with great pleasure the statements of the Rev. Dr. Baird in relation to the labors of the Foreign Evangelical Society in France and elsewhere, and, from a conviction that there is now opening to that Society a wide field of usefulness, we commend it to the fostering care of our churches, and earnestly recommend that they each take up a collection in its behalf at as early a day as practicable.

*Resolved*, That this Synod exercise undiminished confidence in the great benevolent societies which they have heretofore recommended to the fostering care of the churches, and renew their recommendations.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SEARLE, *Chairman*.

## CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census.                  |                                 | Communicants.                    |               |                        |            |            |       |                          | Bapt. | C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                             |                                      | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                   |                                                                     |                              |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|           |          | Number of Fam-<br>ilies. | Total of the Con-<br>gregation. | In Communion per<br>last Report. | On Confession | Recd<br>On Certificate | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Commu-<br>nion. |       | Infants.                 | Adults. | Number of Cate-<br>chumens. | Number in Bibl-<br>ical Instruction. |                        | Number of Schools | Average Number<br>of Scholars.                                      |                              |
| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | 490                      | 2700                            | 1370                             | 27            | 29                     | 28         | 12         | 1386  | 32                       | 6     | 6                        | 6       | 6                           | 6                                    | 600                    | ---               | { 310 Fourth St., N. Y.<br>220 Ninth Street, "<br>7 Albion Place, " |                              |
|           |          | 160                      | -----                           | 312                              | 14            | 16                     | 21         | 9          | 312   | 26                       | 1     | 50                       | 20      | 1                           | 1                                    | 175                    | ---               | 126 MacDougal St., "                                                |                              |
|           |          | 157                      | 910                             | 236                              | 6             | 10                     | 7          | 3          | 242   | 6                        | 1     | 100                      | 12      | 1                           | 1                                    | 175                    | ---               | 12 Burton Street, "                                                 |                              |
|           |          | 80                       | 480                             | 194                              | 4             | 3                      | 3          | 5          | 198   | 6                        | 1     | 130                      | 106     | 1                           | 1                                    | 150                    | ---               | 225 46 Hammond Street, "                                            |                              |
|           |          | 300                      | 1500                            | 536                              | 6             | 14                     | 8          | 8          | 540   | 17                       | ---   | 216                      | 31      | 1                           | 375                                  | 225                    | ---               | 214 22d Street, "                                                   |                              |
|           |          | 55                       | 275                             | 72                               | 9             | 5                      | 1          | 1          | 84    | 6                        | 2     | 70                       | 60      | 2                           | 121                                  | 80                     | ---               | 355 Fourth Street, "                                                |                              |
|           |          | 50                       | -----                           | 101                              | 9             | 9                      | 8          | 1          | 110   | 4                        | 3     | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | 1                                    | 30                     | ---               | 122 Rivington Street, "                                             |                              |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | 117                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | 3     | 114                      | 5     | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | 69 Fiftieth st. n. 3d av., " |
|           |          | 35                       | 150                             | 31                               | 8             | 8                      | 1          | 1          | 45    | 12                       | 1     | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | 30 Seventh Street, "         |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                      | ---   | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | W. Farms, West. co., "       |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                      | ---   | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | 30 Tuckahoe, West. co., "    |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                      | ---   | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | Tarrytown, "                 |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                      | ---   | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | Tarrytown, "                 |
|           |          | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---           | ---                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                      | ---   | ---                      | ---     | ---                         | ---                                  | ---                    | ---               | ---                                                                 | Port Richmond, S. I., "      |

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Ph. Milledoler, D. D.; C. C. Verneule, D. D.; P. I. Van Pelt; J. P. Van Pelt; J. Neander, (missionary to the Jews); J. P. Knox, (aboring in St. Thomas); J. Buckham; J. Mulligan; W. Boyse; A. N. Kittle, and Jeremiah S. Lord (pastor elect) of the church at Harlem. Candidate.—A. R. Van Nest.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

| CHURCHES.               | PASTORS.                    | Census.             |                            |                               |               | Communicants.  |            |            |       |                     |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                        |                                 |                    |                     | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.      |                |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
|                         |                             | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | On Confession | On Certificate | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults.                        | Number of Catechumens. | Number in Biblical Instruction. | Number of Schools. | Number of Scholars. | Average Number of Scholars. |                |
| Tompkinsville,.....     | Alexander R. Thompson,..... | 30                  | 400                        | 155                           | 2             | 10             | 10         | 5          | 142   | 8                   | 8        | 8                              | 60                     | 24                              | 1                  | 153                 | 100                         | Tompkinsville. |
| South Dutch,.....       | John M. Macauley,.....      | 90                  | 600                        | 242                           | 3             | 3              | 12         | 3          | 233   | 8                   | 8        | 8                              | 300                    | 30                              | 1                  | 120                 | 90                          | New York City. |
| Market Street,.....     | Isaac Ferris,.....          | 220                 | 1300                       | 451                           | 7             | 12             | 21         | 12         | 437   | 25                  | 25       | 25                             | 300                    | 34                              | 2                  | 460                 | 330                         | New York City. |
| Washington Square,..... | Mancius S. Hutton,.....     | 205                 | 1000                       | 243                           | 16            | 24             | 12         | 1          | 263   | 23                  | 23       | 23                             | 200                    | 34                              | 2                  | 300                 | 250                         | New York City. |
| Manhattan,.....         | F. F. Cornell,.....         | 36                  | 370                        | 182                           | 8             | 4              | 10         | 1          | 133   | 17                  | 17       | 17                             | 45                     | 48                              | 3                  | 215                 | 140                         | New York City. |
| Bushwick,.....          | S. H. Meeker, S. C.,.....   | 75                  | 370                        | 165                           | 4             | 3              | 3          | 2          | 167   | 22                  | 22       | 22                             | 20                     | 15                              | 1                  | 100                 | 90                          | Williamsburgh. |
| Courtlandtown,.....     | C. D. Westbrook,.....       |                     |                            |                               |               |                |            |            |       |                     |          |                                |                        |                                 |                    |                     |                             | Peckskill.     |

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## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

| CHURCHES.                 | PASTORS.                  | Census.                  |                                 |                                  |               | Communicants. |            |       |                          |          |         | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                                      |                          |                                | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |
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|                           |                           | Number of Fam-<br>ilies. | Total of the Con-<br>gregation. | In Communion per<br>last Report. | On Confession | Recd          | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Commu-<br>nion. | Infants. | Adults. | Number of Cate-<br>chumens.    | Number in Bibli-<br>cal Instruction. | Number of Schol-<br>ars. | Average Number<br>of Scholars. |                        |
| First, New Brunswick,...  | Samuel B. How,.....       | 285                      | 1445                            | ...                              | 7             | 10            | 10         | 1     | 3                        | 476      | 23      | 2                              | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | New Brunswick, N. J.   |
| Second, New Brunswick,... | D. D. Demarest, S. C.,... | 86                       | 410                             | 114                              | 4             | 6             | 11         | ...   | 1                        | 112      | 8       | ...                            | 40                                   | 1                        | 80                             | New Brunswick, "       |
| Six Mile Run,.....        | Jacob C. Sears,.....      | 170                      | 975                             | 229                              | 4             | 6             | 4          | ...   | 3                        | 251      | 20      | 1                              | 90                                   | 7                        | 235                            | Six Mile Run, "        |
| Hillsborough,.....        | J. L. Zabriskie,.....     | 159                      | ...                             | 285                              | 4             | 1             | ...        | ...   | 3                        | 284      | 15      | ...                            | ...                                  | 5                        | ...                            | Millstone, "           |
| Middlebush,.....          | John A. Van Doren,...     | 80                       | 400                             | 128                              | 12            | 8             | 3          | ...   | 1                        | 144      | 12      | 2                              | 50                                   | 3                        | 100                            | New Brunswick, "       |
| Raritan,.....             | Abraham Messler,...       | 170                      | 935                             | 407                              | 5             | 8             | 2          | ...   | 2                        | 414      | 14      | ...                            | 75                                   | 4                        | 256                            | Somerville, "          |
| Second Raritan,.....      | Talbot W. Chambers,...    | 125                      | 635                             | 234                              | 16            | 21            | 14         | ...   | 6                        | 251      | 23      | 1                              | 70                                   | 3                        | 200                            | Somerville, "          |
| Bedminster,.....          | George Schenck,.....      | 200                      | 1000                            | 342                              | 12            | 7             | 9          | ...   | 8                        | 344      | 26      | 2                              | 150                                  | 6                        | ...                            | Pluckemin, "           |
| North Branch,.....        | James K. Campbell,...     | 104                      | 450                             | ...                              | 1             | 1             | ...        | ...   | 2                        | ...      | 11      | ...                            | 20                                   | 1                        | 34                             | North Branch, "        |
| Rockaway,.....            | Goyu Talmage,.....        | 108                      | 470                             | 105                              | 5             | 1             | 3          | ...   | 1                        | 107      | 8       | ...                            | 30                                   | 12                       | 175                            | Whitehouse, "          |
| Lebanon,.....             | Robert Van Amburgh,...    | ...                      | ...                             | ...                              | ...           | ...           | ...        | ...   | ...                      | ...      | ...     | ...                            | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | Lebanon, "             |
| Griggstown,.....          | Vacant, *                 | 91                       | 420                             | 73                               | ...           | ...           | ...        | ...   | ...                      | ...      | ...     | ...                            | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | Griggstown, "          |
| Spotswood,.....           | John Henry Manning,...    | 42                       | 220                             | ...                              | 2             | 2             | 2          | ...   | 2                        | ...      | ...     | ...                            | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | Spotswood, "           |
| First, Freehold,.....     | A. A. Marcellus, *        | 130                      | 650                             | 151                              | ...           | ...           | ...        | ...   | ...                      | ...      | ...     | ...                            | ...                                  | 1                        | 25                             | Marlboro', "           |
| Second, Freehold,.....    | Harvey D. Ganse,...       | 50                       | 250                             | 43                               | 5             | 1             | ...        | ...   | 49                       | 5        | 1       | 30                             | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | Freehold, "            |
| Middletown,.....          | William Reiley,.....      | 116                      | 580                             | 110                              | ...           | ...           | ...        | ...   | 1                        | 109      | 4       | ...                            | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | Holmdel, "             |
| Middletown Village,...    | A. C. Millsbaugh,...      | 65                       | 340                             | 76                               | 2             | 1             | 12         | ...   | 2                        | 62       | 4       | 2                              | 20                                   | 3                        | 70                             | Middletown, "          |
| Boundbrook,.....          | George J. Van Neste,...   | 60                       | 315                             | 33                               | 4             | 16            | 6          | ...   | 1                        | 46       | 11      | ...                            | 75                                   | 1                        | 70                             | Boundbrook, "          |
| Keyport,.....             | N. F. Chapman, Mission'y  | ...                      | ...                             | ...                              | ...           | ...           | ...        | ...   | ...                      | ...      | ...     | ...                            | ...                                  | ...                      | ...                            | ...                    |

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## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

| CHURCHES.                        | PASTORS.                     | Census.             |                            | Communicants.                 |                |                      |            |            |       |                     | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                        |                                 | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                    |                           |                             |
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| Bergen, .....                    | Benjamin C. Taylor, .....    | 275                 | 1400                       | 982                           | 5              | 4                    | 9          | 3          | 5     | 275                 | 16                             | 30      | 75                     | 1                               | ---                    | ---                | Bergen, Hudson co., N. J. |                             |
| English Neighborhood, .....      | Philip Duryea, .....         | 41                  | 133                        | 63                            | 1              | ---                  | ---        | ---        | ---   | 1                   | 63                             | 10      | ---                    | 1                               | ---                    | ---                | English Neighborhood, "   |                             |
| Hackensack, .....                | Alexander H. Warner, .....   | 125                 | 650                        | 127                           | 5              | 1                    | ---        | ---        | 7     | 126                 | 8                              | 60      | 30                     | 1                               | 90                     | 65                 | Hackensack, Berg. co., "  |                             |
| Schraalenbergh, .....            | Cornelius Blauvelt, .....    | 154                 | 700                        | 167                           | 1              | ---                  | ---        | ---        | 1     | 163                 | 11                             | 115     | 50                     | 2                               | 150                    | 125                | Hackensack, "             |                             |
| Belleville, .....                | John Garretson, S. C., ..... | 130                 | 650                        | 171                           | 1              | ---                  | 2          | ---        | 2     | 168                 | 15                             | 150     | 36                     | 3                               | 239                    | 136                | Belleville, Essex co., "  |                             |
| Jersey City, .....               | Matthias Lusk, .....         | ---                 | ---                        | ---                           | 3              | 9                    | 12         | ---        | ---   | 10                  | ---                            | 30      | ---                    | ---                             | 1                      | 75                 | 60                        | Jersey City, Hud. co., "    |
| Bergen Neck, .....               | James Romeyn, .....          | 106                 | ---                        | 102                           | 3              | 1                    | ---        | ---        | 2     | 104                 | 14                             | ---     | ---                    | ---                             | 2                      | ---                | ---                       | 104 Vesey st., New York.    |
| Newark, .....                    | James Scott, .....           | 340                 | 1500                       | 332                           | 24             | 29                   | 8          | ---        | 4     | 423                 | 15                             | 4       | ---                    | 65                              | 2                      | 355                | 245                       | Newark, Essex co., N. J.    |
| Clintonville, .....              | John L. Chapman, .....       | ---                 | ---                        | ---                           | ---            | ---                  | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                 | ---                            | ---     | ---                    | ---                             | ---                    | ---                | ---                       | ---                         |
| New Durham, .....                | W. V. V. Mabon, .....        | 90                  | 300                        | 49                            | 10             | 1                    | ---        | ---        | ---   | 62                  | 9                              | 1       | ---                    | 50                              | 1                      | 110                | 30                        | New Durham, Hud. co., "     |
| First church of Van Vorst, ..... | William J. R. Taylor, .....  | 70                  | 350                        | 25                            | 6              | 13                   | ---        | ---        | ---   | 1                   | 43                             | ---     | 90                     | 33                              | 1                      | 80                 | 55                        | Jersey City, Hud. co., "    |

Candidate.—J. N. Voorhis.

## CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

| CHURCHES.                | PASTORS.                    | Census.                 |                                 |                                  | Communicants.         |                |            |            |       |                          |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                             |                                      | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                   |                              |                                   |
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|                          |                             | Number of Fam-<br>lies. | Total of the Con-<br>gregation. | In Communion per<br>last Report. | Recd<br>On Confession | On Certificate | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Commu-<br>nion. | Infants. | Adults.                        | Number of Cate-<br>chumens. | Number in Bibli-<br>cal Instruction. |                        | Number of Schools | Total Number of<br>Scholars. | Average<br>Number<br>of Scholars. |
| Pompton,.....            | H. Doolittle,.....          | 160                     | 800                             | 157                              | 3                     | 1              | 1          | 1          | 3     | 156                      | 15       | 1                              | 40                          | 40                                   | 4                      | 100               | .....                        | Pompton, N. J.                    |
| Pompton Plains,.....     | Garrit C. Schanck,.....     | 176                     | 921                             | 150                              | 6                     | 2              | 5          | 1          | 4     | 149                      | 9        | 1                              | 25                          | 25                                   | 4                      | 100               | .....                        | Pompton, N. J.                    |
| Montville,.....          | John L. Janeway,.....       | 145                     | 725                             | 120                              | 2                     | 1              | 2          | 1          | 1     | 121                      | 14       | 1                              | 10                          | 10                                   | 1                      | 70                | 40                           | Pine Brook, Mor.co., N.J.         |
| Fairfield,.....          | John I. Quick,.....         | 94                      | .....                           | .....                            | .....                 | .....          | .....      | .....      | 4     | 102                      | 9        | .....                          | .....                       | .....                                | 2                      | .....             | .....                        | Caldwell, Essex co., "            |
| Preakness,.....          | John A. Staats, S. C.,..... | 58                      | 325                             | 36                               | 1                     | 1              | 2          | 1          | 1     | 35                       | 2        | .....                          | 30                          | 46                                   | 1                      | 60                | 45                           | Paterson, N. J.                   |
| Ponds,.....              | Barnabas V. Collins,.....   | 70                      | .....                           | 53                               | 3                     | 1              | 1          | 1          | 1     | 60                       | 15       | 1                              | 60                          | 12                                   | 2                      | .....             | .....                        | Paterson, N. J.                   |
| Wyckoff,.....            | Abraham G. Ryerson,.....    | 110                     | 680                             | 67                               | 10                    | 2              | 2          | 1          | 1     | 76                       | 8        | 1                              | 60                          | 40                                   | 4                      | 110               | 90                           | Paterson, N. J.                   |
| Little Falls,.....       | Edwin Vedder,.....          | 50                      | 250                             | 50                               | 5                     | 8              | 1          | 1          | 1     | 61                       | 8        | 1                              | 30                          | 25                                   | 1                      | 75                | 60                           | Paterson, N. J.                   |
| Stone House Plains,..... | R. A. Quin,.....            | .....                   | .....                           | 37                               | 2                     | 1              | 1          | 1          | 4     | 36                       | 3        | .....                          | .....                       | .....                                | .....                  | .....             | .....                        | East Bloomfield, N. J.            |

Minister without Charge.—Z. H. Kuypers, (*Emeritus*.)

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

| CHURCHES.                     | PASTORS.                  | Census.             |                            |                               |               |                      |            |            |       |                     |          | Communicants. |                        |                                 |                    |                           |                             | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                       |  |  |  | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |
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| Tappan,.....                  | J. D. Cole,.....          | 160                 | 800                        | 170                           | 170           | 1                    | 2          | ..         | 4     | 167                 | 16       | ..            | 25                     | ..                              | ..                 | 2                         | 30                          | 30                             | Piermont, N. Y.       |  |  |  |                        |
| Clarkstown,.....              | P. J. Quick,.....         | 150                 | 640                        | 160                           | 9             | 1                    | 6          | ..         | 1     | 163                 | 9        | ..            | 50                     | 15                              | 1                  | 62                        | 55                          | 55                             | Nyack Turnpike, N. Y. |  |  |  |                        |
| Acquacknook,.....             | W. R. Bogardus,.....      | 210                 | 1150                       | 232                           | 8             | 6                    | 4          | ..         | 3     | 233                 | 26       | ..            | 100                    | ..                              | 2                  | ..                        | ..                          | ..                             | Acquacknook, N. J.    |  |  |  |                        |
| First church of Totowa,.....  | E. Wiggins,.....          | 166                 | 760                        | 151                           | 9             | 12                   | 5          | ..         | 4     | 163                 | 31       | ..            | ..                     | 34                              | 1                  | 150                       | 140                         | 140                            | Paterson, N. J.       |  |  |  |                        |
| Second church of Totowa,..... | J. H. Duryea, S. C.,..... | 140                 | 700                        | 257                           | 4             | 6                    | 4          | ..         | 4     | 259                 | 24       | ..            | 70                     | 20                              | 2                  | 260                       | 180                         | 180                            | Paterson, "           |  |  |  |                        |
| Paramus,.....                 | W. Eltinge,.....          | 140                 | 760                        | 140                           | 3             | ..                   | ..         | ..         | 3     | 140                 | 15       | ..            | ..                     | ..                              | 1                  | ..                        | 30                          | 30                             | Acquacknook, N. J.    |  |  |  |                        |
| Pasack,.....                  | J. Manley,.....           | 100                 | 530                        | 113                           | 1             | 1                    | 1          | ..         | 2     | 111                 | 7        | 1             | 12                     | ..                              | 1                  | ..                        | 35                          | 35                             | Munsey, N. Y.         |  |  |  |                        |
| Saddle River,.....            | .....                     | 115                 | 540                        | 147                           | ..            | ..                   | ..         | ..         | 2     | 144                 | 6        | ..            | 20                     | ..                              | 1                  | ..                        | 40                          | 40                             | Munsey, "             |  |  |  |                        |
| Hempstead,.....               | P. Allen,.....            | 65                  | 297                        | 87                            | ..            | ..                   | 2          | ..         | 1     | 4                   | 74       | 2             | ..                     | ..                              | 3                  | ..                        | ..                          | ..                             | Munsey, "             |  |  |  |                        |
| Ramapo,.....                  | .....                     | 72                  | 346                        | 67                            | 1             | 1                    | 1          | ..         | 3     | 67                  | 4        | ..            | ..                     | ..                              | 2                  | ..                        | ..                          | ..                             | Warwick, N. Y.        |  |  |  |                        |
| Warwick,.....                 | F. H. Vandever,.....      | 73                  | ..                         | 73                            | 1             | 1                    | 1          | ..         | 1     | 73                  | 2        | ..            | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                        | ..                          | ..                             | Nyack, N. Y.          |  |  |  |                        |
| Nyack,.....                   | C. S. Hageman,.....       | 75                  | 325                        | ..                            | 9             | 5                    | 1          | ..         | 1     | 97                  | 6        | ..            | 40                     | 20                              | 1                  | 60                        | ..                          | ..                             | Nyack, N. Y.          |  |  |  |                        |
| Piermont,.....                | Daniel Lord,.....         | 56                  | 250                        | 44                            | 1             | 4                    | ..         | ..         | ..    | 49                  | 5        | ..            | 40                     | 30                              | 1                  | 60                        | 50                          | 50                             | Piermont, N. Y.       |  |  |  |                        |

## SOUTH CLASSES OF LONG ISLAND.

| CHURCHES.               | PASTORS.                   | Census.             |                            | Communicants.                 |                |                 |            |            |       | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools. |          |         | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                        |                                 |                    |                           |                             |
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| Brooklyn,-----          | M. W. Dwight,-----         | 160                 | 800                        | ---                           | 10             | 9               | 7          | ---        | 1     | ---                            | 15       | ---     | 60                     | ---                    | 1                               | 120                | 100                       | Brooklyn, L. I.             |
| Flatbush,-----          | Thomas M. Strong,-----     | 90                  | 500                        | 129                           | 2              | 1               | 4          | ---        | 5     | 123                            | 8        | ---     | ---                    | ---                    | ---                             | 35                 | 65                        | Flatbush, " "               |
| New Utrecht,-----       | R. Orniston Currie, S. C., | 85                  | 475                        | 131                           | 6              | 3               | ---        | ---        | 3     | 137                            | 12       | 1       | 60                     | 50                     | 1                               | 110                | 80                        | New Utrecht, " "            |
| Gravesend,-----         | Abm. I. Labagh,-----       | 80                  | 450                        | 91                            | ---            | ---             | ---        | ---        | 1     | 90                             | 14       | ---     | ---                    | 16                     | 2                               | ---                | ---                       | Gravesend, " "              |
| Flatlands,-----         | { J. A. Baldwin,-----      | 70                  | 450                        | 115                           | 1              | 1               | 1          | ---        | 3     | 112                            | 7        | ---     | 30                     | ---                    | 2                               | 80                 | 60                        | { Flatlands, " "            |
| New Lots,-----          |                            | 50                  | 300                        | 77                            | 3              | 3               | 1          | ---        | ---   | 81                             | 4        | 1       | 15                     | ---                    | 1                               | 50                 | 30                        |                             |
| Central Brooklyn,-----  | M. N. McLaren,-----        | 106                 | ---                        | 203                           | 2              | 10              | 12         | ---        | 1     | 202                            | 9        | ---     | 70                     | 61                     | 1                               | 114                | 70                        | Brooklyn, " "               |
| East New York,-----     | M. V. Schoonmaker,-----    | 60                  | 300                        | 70                            | 4              | 5               | 1          | ---        | 3     | 75                             | 11       | ---     | 45                     | 25                     | 1                               | 85                 | 75                        | East New York, L. I.        |
| South Brooklyn,-----    | S. M. Woodbridge,-----     | 74                  | ---                        | 83                            | 4              | 7               | 5          | ---        | 1     | 88                             | 8        | ---     | 30                     | ---                    | 2                               | ---                | ---                       | Brooklyn, L. I.             |
| Middle Brooklyn,-----   | { P. D. Oakey,-----        | 54                  | ---                        | 92                            | 3              | 35              | ---        | ---        | 1     | 59                             | 5        | 2       | ---                    | ---                    | 1                               | 75                 | 60                        | { Brooklyn, " "             |
| Bedford, Brooklyn,----- |                            | ---                 | ---                        | ---                           | ---            | ---             | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                            | ---      | ---     | ---                    | ---                    | ---                             | ---                | ---                       |                             |

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## NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

| CHURCHES.             | PASTORS.                  | Census              |                            | Communicants.                 |                    |            |            |       |                         | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                        |                                 |                   | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                           |                             |                    |
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| Jamaica,-----         | J. Schoonmaker,-----      | 240                 | 1200                       | 201                           | 13                 | 2          | ---        | ---   | 3                       | 213                            | 8       | 3                      | 60                              | 70                | 4                      | 136                       | 140                         | Jamaica, L. I.     |
| Newtown,-----         | G. J. Garretson, S. C., } | 103                 | 515                        | 135                           | 2                  | 1          | ---        | ---   | 1                       | 136                            | 16      | ---                    | 50                              | 40                | 2                      | 100                       | 90                          | Newtown, "         |
| Oyster Bay,-----      | N. E. Smith,-----         | 95                  | 490                        | 105                           | 15                 | 3          | 2          | ---   | 3                       | 105                            | 4       | 1                      | ---                             | 50                | 2                      | ---                       | 40                          | Cedar Swamp, L. I. |
| North Hempstead,----- | R. L. Schoonmaker,-----   | 75                  | 375                        | ---                           | ---                | ---        | ---        | ---   | ---                     | 60                             | 4       | ---                    | ---                             | ---               | ---                    | ---                       | ---                         | Muhasset, "        |
| Williamsburgh,-----   | Wm. H. Van Doren,-----    | 100                 | 500                        | 135                           | 7                  | 9          | 1          | 5     | 144                     | 14                             | 4       | ---                    | 30                              | 25                | 1                      | 120                       | 70                          | Williamsburgh, "   |
| Astoria,-----         | A. H. Bishop,-----        | 62                  | ---                        | 50                            | 2                  | 4          | 3          | ---   | 3                       | 50                             | ---     | ---                    | ---                             | ---               | 1                      | 75                        | 50                          | Astoria, "         |
| Flushing,-----        | Wm. R. Gordon,-----       | 45                  | 260                        | 67                            | 1                  | 6          | ---        | ---   | 1                       | 69                             | 2       | ---                    | ---                             | ---               | 1                      | ---                       | ---                         | Flushing, "        |

Ministers without Charge.—John H. Sheffield, Peter S. Williamson.

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

| CHURCHES.              | PASTORS.                | Census.             |                            |                               | Communicants. |       |            |            |       |                     | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                        | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                                 |                    |                     |                       |
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| Poughkeepsie,.....     | A. M. Mann, S. C.,..... | 250                 | 1500                       | .....                         | 7             | 7     | 18         | ..         | 6     | 492                 | 19                             | 3       | 30                     | 30                     | 1                               | 306                | 175                 | Poughkeepsie, N. Y.   |
| Fishkill,.....         | Francis M. Kip,.....    | .....               | .....                      | 152                           | 2             | 8     | 4          | ..         | 2     | 156                 | 5                              | ..      | ..                     | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Fishkill Village, "   |
| New Hackensack,.....   | C. Van Cleef,.....      | 120                 | 700                        | 213                           | 3             | 2     | ..         | ..         | 3     | 215                 | ..                             | 2       | ..                     | 40                     | 1                               | 30                 | ..                  | New Hackensack, N. Y. |
| Hopewell,.....         | A. Polhemus,.....       | 100                 | 600                        | 233                           | 2             | 1     | 2          | ..         | 4     | 230                 | 5                              | 1       | 50                     | 25                     | 4                               | 100                | ..                  | Adriaance P. O., "    |
| Hyde Park,.....        | A. Elmendorf,.....      | 96                  | 504                        | 133                           | 3             | 3     | 6          | ..         | 1     | 132                 | 5                              | ..      | 28                     | 22                     | 1                               | 52                 | 40                  | Hyde Park, "          |
| Glenham,.....          | W. A. Miller,.....      | 50                  | 250                        | 72                            | 5             | 2     | 2          | ..         | ..    | 77                  | 1                              | 1       | ..                     | ..                     | 1                               | 75                 | 65                  | Glenham. "            |
| Greenbush,.....        | H. Vedder,.....         | .....               | .....                      | .....                         | ..            | ..    | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                  | ..                             | ..      | ..                     | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | ..                    |
| Taghanick,.....        | B. F. Murden,.....      | 109                 | 700                        | 245                           | 3             | 2     | 2          | 1          | 1     | 246                 | 4                              | ..      | ..                     | ..                     | 1                               | 30                 | ..                  | Rhinebeck, "          |
| Rhinebeck,.....        | B. Hoff,.....           | .....               | 250                        | 149                           | 3             | ..    | 2          | ..         | 1     | 149                 | 10                             | ..      | ..                     | 18                     | 1                               | 100                | 80                  | Fishkill Landing, "   |
| Fishkill Landing,..... | W. S. Heyer,.....       | .....               | .....                      | .....                         | .....         | ..... | .....      | .....      | ..... | .....               | .....                          | .....   | .....                  | .....                  | .....                           | .....              | .....               | .....                 |

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. Van Vechten ; Rev. F. B. Thompson, Missionary to Borneo.

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

| CHURCHES.                                    | PASTORS.                 | Census.                  |                                 | Communicants.                    |                       |            |            |       |                          |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                             |                                      |                          |                                | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |       |                    |
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|                                              |                          | Number of Fam-<br>ilies. | Total of the Con-<br>gregation. | In Communion per<br>last Report. | Recd<br>On Confession | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Commu-<br>nion. | Infants. | Adults.                        | Number of Cate-<br>chumens. | Number in Bibli-<br>cal Instruction. | Number of Schol-<br>ars. | Average Number<br>of Scholars. |                        |       |                    |
| Harlingen, .....                             | J. Gardner, .....        | 150                      | 750                             | 303                              | 9                     | 9          | 7          | ..    | 4                        | 310      | 25                             | 3                           | 85                                   | 130                      | 5                              | 300                    | 250   | Harlingen, N. J.   |
| Readington, .....                            | J. Van Liew, .....       | 200                      | 1000                            | 278                              | 11                    | 2          | 3          | ..    | 5                        | 23       | 3                              | 22                          | 80                                   | ..                       | 5                              | 300                    | ..    | Flagtown, "        |
| New Shamrock, .....                          | G. Ludlow, .....         | 200                      | 1000                            | 305                              | 6                     | 3          | 4          | ..    | 4                        | 306      | 17                             | ..                          | 100                                  | 75                       | 5                              | 120                    | ..    | Philadelphia, Pa.  |
| First church Philadelphia,<br>Second "       | C. C. Van Arsdale, ..... | 220                      | 1100                            | 452                              | 3                     | 1          | 11         | ..    | 5                        | 440      | 10                             | 2                           | 100                                  | 225                      | 3                              | 500                    | ..    | " "                |
| Third "                                      | G. W. Bethune, .....     | 165                      | 800                             | 237                              | 11                    | 4          | 5          | ..    | 4                        | 243      | 8                              | 2                           | ..                                   | ..                       | 3                              | 235                    | 200   | " "                |
| North & South Hampton,<br>Blawenburgh, ..... | A. O. Halsey, .....      | 90                       | 550                             | 138                              | 4                     | 2          | 7          | ..    | ..                       | 187      | 6                              | ..                          | 40                                   | 50                       | 4                              | 160                    | 145   | Blawenburgh, N. J. |
| Mount Pleasant, .....                        | J. R. Van Arsdale, ..... | 80                       | 450                             | 150                              | 5                     | ..         | 2          | ..    | 2                        | 151      | 13                             | 1                           | 30                                   | ..                       | 2                              | 100                    | 80    | White House, "     |
| Manayunk, .....                              | .....                    | .....                    | .....                           | .....                            | .....                 | .....      | .....      | ..... | .....                    | .....    | .....                          | .....                       | .....                                | .....                    | .....                          | .....                  | ..... | .....              |
| Roxboro', .....                              | .....                    | .....                    | .....                           | .....                            | .....                 | .....      | .....      | ..... | .....                    | .....    | .....                          | .....                       | .....                                | .....                    | .....                          | .....                  | ..... | .....              |
| Trenton, .....                               | .....                    | .....                    | .....                           | .....                            | .....                 | .....      | .....      | ..... | .....                    | .....    | .....                          | .....                       | .....                                | .....                    | .....                          | .....                  | ..... | .....              |

Ministers without Charge.—P. Labagh, (*Emeritus*); J. Ludlow, D. D.; Thos. A. Amerman, and J. V. N. Talmage, Missionary to China.

# CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

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## CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

| CHURCHES.         | PASTORS.                  | Census.                 |                                 | Communicants.                    |                       |                |            |            |       |                          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                             |                                      |                   | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                            |
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| Fairview,.....    | A. D. Wilson, S. C.,..... | 53                      | 320                             | 43                               | 1                     | 1              | 1          | 1          | 43    | 7                        | 3                              | 30      | 25                          | 1                                    | 90                | 70                     | Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill. |
| Brunswick,.....   | Vacant,.....              | 22                      | 146                             | 12                               | 6                     | 2              |            |            | 20    | 7                        | 3                              |         |                             |                                      |                   |                        | Brunswick, Peo. Co., Ill.  |
| Vanderveer,.....  | Vacant,.....              | 11                      | 59                              | 11                               | 1                     |                |            |            | 12    |                          |                                | 6       |                             |                                      |                   |                        | Pleasant Plains, Ill.      |
| Pekin,.....       | N. D. Williamson,.....    | 60                      | 220                             | 27                               | 5                     |                |            |            | 32    | 2                        | 2                              | 30      | 30                          | 1                                    | 100               | 30                     | Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.  |
| Madison,.....     | Vacant,.....              |                         |                                 |                                  |                       |                |            |            |       |                          |                                |         |                             |                                      |                   |                        | }                          |
| Sun Prairie,..... |                           |                         |                                 |                                  |                       |                |            |            |       |                          |                                |         |                             |                                      |                   |                        |                            |
| Washington,.....  | George G. Sill *,.....    | 20                      | 120                             | 19                               | 1                     |                |            |            | 20    |                          |                                |         |                             |                                      |                   |                        | Washington, Ill.           |

\* Stated supply till first of March.

## CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

| CHURCHES.                | PASTORS.                   | Census.                  |                                 |                                  | Communicants.                   |      |            |            |       |                          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                             |                                      | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                    |                                |
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| Church of Albany.....    | D. Kennedy,.....           | 264                      | 1200                            | 454                              | 6                               | 5    | 9          | 1          | 11    | 463                      | 5                              | ..      | ..                          | 2                                    | 200                    | 175                | Albany.                        |
| Second ".....            | I. N. Wyckoff, S. C.,..... | 279                      | 1329                            | 536                              | 4                               | 42   | 23         | 1          | 14    | 539                      | 92                             | 78      | 90                          | 1                                    | 150                    | 125                | "                              |
| Third ".....             | W. H. Campbell,.....       | 110                      | 450                             | 215                              | 6                               | 12   | 10         | 1          | 6     | 216                      | 9                              | 3       | 100                         | 1                                    | 150                    | 100                | "                              |
| Bethlehem,.....          | R. Willis,.....            | 140                      | 700                             | ..                               | 6                               | 1    | 1          | ..         | ..    | ..                       | 9                              | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | Cedar Hill.                    |
| Second do.,.....         | Vacant,.....               | 66                       | 336                             | ..                               | ..                              | ..   | ..         | 1          | 97    | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | Bethlehem.                     |
| Coeymans,.....           | J. A. H. Cornell,.....     | 66                       | 375                             | 50                               | 1                               | 2    | ..         | ..         | 1     | 52                       | 10                             | 30      | 30                          | 1                                    | 64                     | 50                 | New Baltimore.                 |
| New Baltimore,.....      | Vacant,.....               | 64                       | 350                             | 54                               | 4                               | 5    | ..         | ..         | 1     | 63                       | 5                              | 1       | 30                          | 1                                    | 80                     | 60                 | Bethlehem.                     |
| Union,.....              | S. Van Santvoord,.....     | 50                       | 200                             | 254                              | 2                               | ..   | 91         | ..         | 1     | 70                       | 17                             | ..      | ..                          | 1                                    | ..                     | ..                 | New Baltimore.                 |
| Onisquethaw,.....        | S. Robertson,.....         | 63                       | 442                             | 100                              | 38                              | 2    | ..         | ..         | 2     | 138                      | 13                             | 7       | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | Westerlo.                      |
| Jerusalem,.....          | J. Middlemas, S. S.,.....  | 75                       | 455                             | 105                              | 9                               | 1    | 1          | ..         | 1     | 7                        | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | 1                                    | ..                     | ..                 | Salem,                         |
| Westerlo,.....           | Vacant,.....               | 112                      | 630                             | 159                              | 11                              | ..   | 2          | 1          | 6     | 161                      | 5                              | 5       | ..                          | 2                                    | ..                     | ..                 | East Bern,                     |
| Salem,.....              | ..                         | ..                       | ..                              | ..                               | ..                              | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | ..                             |
| Second church Bern,..... | ..                         | ..                       | ..                              | ..                               | ..                              | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | ..                             |
| Knox,.....               | ..                         | 80                       | 350                             | 66                               | 74                              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 3     | 140                      | 10                             | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                 | ..                             |

Ministers without charge.—Rev. Reuben Porter, J. Middlemas, A. B. Vanthuyssen.

## CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

| CHURCHES.                     | PASTORS.             | Census.                  |                                 |                                  | Communicants. |                        |            |            |       |                          |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                             |                                      |                   |                          | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                                |
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| Amity,.....                   | W. W. Halloway,..... | 100                      | 450                             | 114                              | 114           | 2                      | 2          | 2          | 114   | 9                        | 9        | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | 1                 | 50                       | ...                    | Visser's Ferry.                |
| Niskayuna,.....               | H. A. Raymond,.....  | 135                      | 780                             | 281                              | 281           | 2                      | 1          | 6          | 10    | 268                      | 15       | ..                             | 25                          | 50                                   | 4                 | 125                      | ...                    | Watervliet Centre.             |
| Schenectady,.....             | J. Van Vechten,..... | 200                      | 1200                            | 392                              | 320           | 12                     | ..         | ..         | 4     | 399                      | 22       | ..                             | 100                         | ..                                   | 1                 | 210                      | 180                    | Schenectady.                   |
| First church Glenville,.....  | W. Ingalls,.....     | 160                      | 800                             | 269                              | 1             | ..                     | 5          | 1          | 3     | 262                      | 7        | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | 4                 | 150                      | 125                    | Glenville.                     |
| Second church Glenville,..... | Vacant,.....         | ..                       | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..                     | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                | ..                       | ..                     | Schenectady.                   |
| First church Rotterdam,.....  | C. S. Mead,.....     | ..                       | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..                     | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                | ..                       | ..                     | Hoffman's Ferry.               |
| 2d church Rotterdam,.....     | John Nott,.....      | 75                       | 300                             | 115                              | ..            | ..                     | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                | ..                       | ..                     | Schenectady.                   |
| Helderbergh,.....             | W. P. Davis,.....    | 105                      | 525                             | 212                              | ..            | ..                     | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                | ..                       | ..                     | Guilderland.                   |
| Day,.....                     | Vacant,.....         | 45                       | ..                              | 36                               | 3             | 9                      | 3          | ..         | 1     | 44                       | ..       | 2                              | 50                          | 45                                   | 3                 | 140                      | 100                    | Day.                           |
| Princeton,.....               | Vacant,.....         | ..                       | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..                     | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..                             | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                | ..                       | ..                     | Dunnsville.                    |

Ministers without charge.—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, J. V. Vandervolgen, J. B. Steele, John A. Yates, D. D., Abraham I. Swits, Stated Clerk.

## CLASSIS OF RENNESLAER.

| CHURCHES.                | PASTORS.                 | Census.                 |                                 |                                  | Communicants. |                |      |            |            |       |                          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |         |                             |                                      | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                          |                                |
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| Bloomingrove,.....       | P. S. Wynkoop,.....      | 54                      | 250                             | 65                               | ..            | ..             | 2    | ..         | 2          | 61    | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | 1                                    | 40                     | ..                       | Bloomingrove.                  |
| Chatham,.....            | E. S. Porter,.....       | 85                      | 450                             | 54                               | 1             | 8              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 63    | 5                        | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | 2                                    | 125                    | ..                       | Chatham Four Corners.          |
| First church Ghent,..... | J. De Witt, S. C.,.....  | 45                      | 200                             | ..                               | 1             | 2              | ..   | ..         | 2          | ..    | 2                        | 1                              | ..      | ..                          | 1                                    | 40                     | ..                       | Ghent,                         |
| Second, ".....           | J. C. Vandervoort,*..... | ..                      | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..             | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                       | Stockport.                     |
| Greenbush,.....          | E. P. Stimson,.....      | 250                     | 1300                            | 318                              | 49            | 2              | 5    | 1          | 3          | 360   | 6                        | 11                             | 14      | ..                          | 5                                    | 200                    | ..                       | East Greenbush.                |
| Kinderhook,.....         | B. Van Zandt,.....       | 200                     | 1000                            | 300                              | 5             | 2              | 7    | ..         | 4          | 296   | 6                        | ..                             | ..      | 50                          | 4                                    | 250                    | ..                       | Kinderhook.                    |
| Nassau,.....             | Edwin Holmes,.....       | 160                     | 800                             | 257                              | 27            | 2              | 3    | ..         | 2          | 231   | 12                       | 6                              | ..      | ..                          | ..                                   | ..                     | ..                       | Nassau.                        |
| Schodack,.....           | Wm. Bailey,.....         | 250                     | 1250                            | 317                              | 3             | 5              | 3    | ..         | 4          | 318   | 5                        | ..                             | ..      | ..                          | 4                                    | ..                     | ..                       | Schodack Landing.              |
| Stuyvesant,.....         | Elbert Nevius,.....      | 90                      | 450                             | 109                              | 1             | ..             | 7    | ..         | 2          | 101   | ..                       | ..                             | ..      | 20                          | ..                                   | 35                     | ..                       | Stuyvesant.                    |

\* Pastor elect.



## CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

| CHURCHES.                | PASTORS.                | Census.             |                            |                               |                    |                | Communicants. |            |       |                         |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                        |                                 |                    |                     | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |
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|                          |                         | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Recd On Confession | On Certificate | Dismissed.    | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Infants. | Adults.                        | Number of Catechumens. | Number in Biblical Instruction. | Number of Schools. | Number of Scholars. |                        |
| Schoharie,.....          | R. Wells,.....          | 95                  | 680                        | 112                           | 1                  | 5              | ..            | ..         | 1     | 117                     | 5        | ..                             | 45                     | ..                              | ..                 | 58                  | Schoharie, C. H.       |
| Middleburgh,.....        | Jacob West, S. C.,..... | 85                  | 490                        | 103                           | ..                 | 1              | 2             | ..         | ..    | 102                     | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 1                  | 50                  | Middleburgh.           |
| First church Berne,..... | { Wm. Denarest,.....    | 56                  | ..                         | 69                            | 1                  | ..             | 2             | ..         | 1     | 66                      | 5        | ..                             | 100                    | ..                              | 3                  | 100                 | { Berne.               |
| Beaverdam,.....          |                         | 52                  | ..                         | 100                           | ..                 | ..             | 2             | ..         | 1     | 107                     | 4        | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 2                  | 100                 |                        |
| Gilboa,.....             | L. H. Van Dyck,.....    | 90                  | 500                        | 103                           | 1                  | 3              | 2             | ..         | 1     | 104                     | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 1                  | 130                 | Gilboa.                |
| New Rhinebeck,.....      | { C. Spaulding,.....    | 80                  | 300                        | 105                           | ..                 | ..             | ..            | ..         | 5     | 100                     | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Lawyerville.           |
| Cobleskill,.....         |                         | 30                  | 100                        | 36                            | ..                 | ..             | 3             | 1          | 32    | ..                      | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Cobleskill.            |
| Gallupville,.....        | E. S. Hammond,.....     | 48                  | 350                        | 70                            | ..                 | ..             | 5             | ..         | 3     | 63                      | 4        | ..                             | 25                     | 30                              | 2                  | 80                  | Gallupville.           |
| Breakabin,.....          | J. West,.....           | 20                  | 250                        | 65                            | 1                  | ..             | 1             | 1          | 1     | 65                      | 6        | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 1                  | 60                  | Breakabin.             |
| Sharon,.....             | N. Bogardus,.....       | ..                  | ..                         | ..                            | ..                 | ..             | ..            | ..         | ..    | ..                      | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Sharon.                |
| Conesville,.....         | L. H. Van Dyck,.....    | ..                  | ..                         | ..                            | ..                 | ..             | ..            | ..         | ..    | ..                      | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Gilboa.                |
| Schoharie Mountain,..... | Vacant,.....            | ..                  | ..                         | ..                            | ..                 | ..             | ..            | ..         | ..    | ..                      | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                 | ..                  | Schoharie, M. T.       |

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## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

| CHURCHES.            | PASTORS.                   | Census.             |                            |                               | Communicants.       |                |            |            |       |                     |          | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                        |                                 |                   | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES |                     |                             |
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| Northumberland,..... | H. Slawson,.....           | 71                  | 250                        | 117                           | ..                  | ..             | 3          | ..         | 2     | 112                 | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 1                 | 50                    | 30                  | Northumberland.             |
| Saratoga,.....       | C. H. Chester,.....        | 76                  | 280                        | 93                            | 2                   | 9              | ..         | ..         | 2     | 102                 | 4        | 1                              | 40                     | ..                              | 1                 | 40                    | 30                  | Schuylerville.              |
| Gansevoort,.....     | John Dubois,.....          | 30                  | 200                        | 50                            | ..                  | ..             | 2          | ..         | 1     | 47                  | 1        | ..                             | 40                     | ..                              | 2                 | 80                    | 60                  | Gansevoort.                 |
| Union Village,.....  | Uriah Marvin, Jr.,.....    | 103                 | 400                        | 161                           | 8                   | 3              | 1          | ..         | 2     | 157                 | 1        | ..                             | 30                     | ..                              | 1                 | 55                    | 40                  | Union Village.              |
| Easton,.....         | Vacant,.....               | 38                  | 100                        | 59                            | 1                   | 1              | 1          | ..         | 1     | 59                  | 2        | 1                              | ..                     | ..                              | ..                | ..                    | ..                  | North Easton.               |
| Tiostock,.....       | Henry Morris, S. S.,.....  | 52                  | 210                        | 79                            | 2                   | 1              | 1          | ..         | 1     | 81                  | 3        | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | 1                 | 30                    | 15                  | Buskirk's Bridge.           |
| Jackson,.....        | J. H. Pitcher, S. C.,..... | 45                  | 220                        | 85                            | 1                   | ..             | ..         | ..         | 1     | 85                  | 3        | ..                             | 20                     | 30                              | 1                 | 30                    | ..                  | Battenville.                |
| Schaghticoke,.....   | J. D. Fonda,.....          | ..                  | ..                         | ..                            | ..                  | ..             | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                  | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                | ..                    | ..                  | Stillwater.                 |
| Fort Miller,.....    | Stebbins, S. S.,.....      | ..                  | ..                         | ..                            | ..                  | ..             | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                  | ..       | ..                             | ..                     | ..                              | ..                | ..                    | ..                  | Fort Miller.                |

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## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

| CHURCHES.            | PASTORS.                   | Census.             |                            |                               | Communicants.      |            |            |       |                     |          |         | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                                 |                    |                     | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |
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| Auriclesville,.....  | G. L. Roof,.....           | 39                  | 450                        | 40                            | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 41                  | 2        | 15      | 1                              | 30                              | 1                  | 30                  | Glen.                  |
| Canajoharie,.....    | Jas. McFarlane,.....       | 44                  | 220                        | 1                             | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 3     | 56                  | 2        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Canajoharie, do.       |
| Currystown,.....     | John H. Carle,.....        | 175                 | 350                        | 117                           | 11                 | 10         | 1          | 1     | 136                 | 6        | 1       | 4                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Fonda.                 |
| Canghnaawaga,.....   | D. Van Olinda, S. C.,..... | 100                 | 300                        | 1                             | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 100                 | 1        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Columbia.              |
| Columbia,.....       | David B. Hall,.....        | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Fort Plain.            |
| Ephrata,.....        | Charles Jukes,.....        | 120                 | 600                        | 64                            | 1                  | 4          | 2          | 3     | 62                  | 2        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Fultonville.           |
| Fort Plain,.....     | C. G. McLean,.....         | 100                 | 450                        | 100                           | 1                  | 3          | 1          | 2     | 96                  | 10       | 40      | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Minaville.             |
| Fultonville,.....    | J. M. Van Baren,.....      | 68                  | 340                        | 55                            | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 56                  | 1        | 30      | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Glen.                  |
| Frankfort,.....      | Vacant,.....               | 200                 | 1000                       | 333                           | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 333                 | 1        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Herkimer.              |
| Florida,.....        | Jas. Stevenson,.....       | 50                  | 200                        | 54                            | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 51                  | 4        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Manheim.               |
| Glen,.....           | G. L. Roof,.....           | 72                  | 360                        | 1                             | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 66                  | 1        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Mariaville.            |
| Herkimer,.....       | James Murphy,.....         | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Mohawk.                |
| Manheim,.....        | Vacant,.....               | 100                 | 450                        | 100                           | 1                  | 3          | 1          | 2     | 96                  | 10       | 40      | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Canajoharie.           |
| Mariaville,.....     | James Donald,.....         | 50                  | 200                        | 54                            | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 51                  | 4        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | St. Johnsville.        |
| Mohawk,.....         | J. L. Starks,.....         | 72                  | 360                        | 1                             | 1                  | 1          | 1          | 1     | 66                  | 1        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Herkimer.              |
| Mapletown,.....      | John H. Carle,.....        | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   | Warren.                |
| Stone Arabia,.....   | Charles Jukes,.....        | 120                 | 600                        | 64                            | 1                  | 4          | 2          | 3     | 62                  | 2        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   |                        |
| St. Johnsville,..... | J. Knieskern,.....         | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   |                        |
| German Flats,.....   | John P. Spinner,.....      | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   |                        |
| Warren,.....         | Vacant,.....               | 105                 | 500                        | 131                           | 5                  | 3          | 1          | 1     | 138                 | 8        | 1       | 1                              | 1                               | 1                  | 1                   |                        |

Ministers without charge.—E. O. Dunning, David B. Hall.

## CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

| CHURCHES.          | PASTORS.                | Census.                  |                                 |                                  | Communicants.          |                |                 |            |                          |          |         | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                                      |                   |                          |                                        | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |
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|                    |                         | Number of Fam-<br>ilies. | Total of the Con-<br>gregation. | In Communion per<br>last Report. | Recd.<br>On Confession | On Certificate | Dis-<br>missed. | Suspended. | Total in Commu-<br>nion. | Infants. | Adults. | Number of Cate-<br>chumens.    | Number in Bibl-<br>ical Instruction. | Number of Schools | Number of Schol-<br>ars. | Average<br>Number<br>of Schol-<br>ars. |                        |
| Arcadia,.....      | W. E. Turner,.....      | 54                       | ---                             | 57                               | ---                    | ---            | ---             | 8          | 49                       | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | 3                 | ---                      | ---                                    | Newark.                |
| Caroline,.....     | Cornelius Gates,.....   | 50                       | 200                             | 75                               | 2                      | 2              | ---             | 3          | 74                       | 1        | 15      | ---                            | 20                                   | 1                 | 75                       | 60                                     | Slatorville.           |
| Cato,.....         | R. W. Knight,.....      | 49                       | 245                             | 52                               | 3                      | 1              | ---             | 2          | 53                       | 1        | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | 1                 | 20                       | ---                                    | Cato.                  |
| Chittenango,.....  | James Abell,.....       | 112                      | 600                             | 142                              | 1                      | ---            | ---             | 1          | 143                      | ---      | ---     | ---                            | 50                                   | 3                 | ---                      | ---                                    | Chittenango.           |
| Canistota,.....    | F. T. Drake,.....       | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---                    | ---            | ---             | ---        | ---                      | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | ---               | ---                      | ---                                    | Canistota.             |
| Cicero,.....       | Vacant,.....            | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---                    | ---            | ---             | ---        | ---                      | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | ---               | ---                      | ---                                    | Cicero.                |
| Farmersville,..... | B. Bassler, S. C.,..... | 100                      | 500                             | 107                              | 1                      | 1              | ---             | ---        | 107                      | 4        | ---     | ---                            | 20                                   | 1                 | 100                      | 80                                     | Farmersville, Sen. co. |
| Geneva,.....       | G. Abeel,.....          | 100                      | ---                             | 159                              | 8                      | 5              | 9               | 2          | 160                      | 25       | 2       | 50                             | 20                                   | 2                 | 130                      | 100                                    | Geneva.                |
| Gorham,.....       | L. Hammond,.....        | 45                       | 155                             | 40                               | 5                      | 4              | ---             | ---        | 47                       | 1        | ---     | ---                            | 54                                   | ---               | ---                      | 45                                     | Reed's Corners.        |
| Ithaca,.....       | J. V. Henry,.....       | 110                      | 400                             | 190                              | 7                      | 1              | 14              | 4          | 180                      | 4        | 2       | ---                            | ---                                  | 1                 | ---                      | 50                                     | Ithaca.                |
| Lodi,.....         | J. A. Liddell,.....     | 231                      | ---                             | 246                              | ---                    | ---            | 1               | 5          | 239                      | 5        | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | 6                 | ---                      | 205                                    | Lodi, Sen. co.         |
| Lysander,.....     | Vacant,.....            | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---                    | ---            | ---             | ---        | ---                      | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | ---               | ---                      | ---                                    | ---                    |
| Owasco,.....       | J. C. Dutcher,.....     | 100                      | 450                             | 100                              | ---                    | 2              | 5               | 3          | 95                       | 6        | ---     | ---                            | 12                                   | 2                 | 80                       | ---                                    | Owasco.                |
| Pittardina,.....   | Vacant,.....            | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | 3                      | 9              | 3               | ---        | 9                        | 2        | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | 1                 | 20                       | ---                                    | Spotswood, Liv. co.    |
| Sandbeach,.....    | A. B. Winfield,.....    | 57                       | 304                             | 73                               | 2                      | ---            | 4               | 3          | 63                       | 2        | ---     | 50                             | 30                                   | 3                 | 80                       | ---                                    | Auburn.                |
| Tyre,.....         | J. M. Compton,.....     | ---                      | ---                             | 55                               | ---                    | ---            | ---             | 2          | 3                        | 6        | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | 1                 | ---                      | ---                                    | Watertown.             |
| Utica,.....        | C. Wiley,.....          | 140                      | 680                             | 220                              | 1                      | 3              | ---             | ---        | 224                      | 6        | ---     | ---                            | 25                                   | 2                 | 100                      | ---                                    | Utica.                 |
| Syracuse,.....     | Vacant,.....            | ---                      | ---                             | ---                              | ---                    | ---            | ---             | ---        | 11                       | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | ---               | ---                      | ---                                    | Syracuse.              |
| Wolcott,.....      | Vacant,.....            | 30                       | 150                             | ---                              | ---                    | ---            | ---             | ---        | 27                       | ---      | ---     | ---                            | ---                                  | ---               | ---                      | ---                                    | Red Creek.             |

Ministers without charge.—Rev. H. Mandeville, D. D., J. Beattie, G. Mandeville, J. C. Van Liew, W. Evans, A. Hoffman, J. A. Davenport.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

| CHURCHES.        | PASTORS.               | Census.                 |                                 | Communicants.                    |               |                |      |            |            |       |                          |          |         | Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools. |                                      |                   | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                          |                                |
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| Bloomingdale,... | Thos. C. Strong,       | 80                      | 430                             | 36                               | 3             | 1              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 2     | 93                       | 10       | ..      | 50                             | 15                                   | 1                 | 75                     | 50                       | Rosendale.                     |
| Caatsban,...     | H. Ostrander,          | 100                     | ...                             | 96                               | 10            | 1              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 4     | 103                      | 17       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Saugerties.                    |
| Clove,...        | Ephraim Depuy,         | 100                     | 500                             | 100                              | ..            | 1              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 1     | 100                      | 12       | 1       | ..                             | ..                                   | 3                 | 120                    | ..                       | High Falls.                    |
| Dashville Falls, | Vacant,                | ..                      | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..             | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Dashville Falls.               |
| Esopus,...       | Abraham Fort,          | 120                     | 650                             | 287                              | 2             | 1              | 8    | ..         | ..         | 4     | 278                      | 13       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Amesville.                     |
| Flatbush,        | Vacant,                | ..                      | ..                              | ..                               | ..            | ..             | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | ..                       | ..       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Saugerties.                    |
| Guilford,        | Wm. Brush,             | 150                     | ...                             | 106                              | 3             | 4              | 3    | ..         | ..         | 2     | 103                      | 9        | ..      | 50                             | 50                                   | 5                 | 175                    | ..                       | Tutbill Town.                  |
| Hurley,          | J. C. Cruickshank,     | 100                     | 500                             | 110                              | 3             | ..             | 4    | ..         | ..         | 1     | 103                      | 1        | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | 1                 | 70                     | 50                       | Hurley.                        |
| Kingston,        | J. C. F. Hoos,         | 275                     | 1325                            | 485                              | 33            | 34             | 6    | 1          | 8          | 537   | 21                       | 5        | ..      | 75                             | 50                                   | 3                 | 210                    | 170                      | Kingston.                      |
| Marbletown,      | C. L. Van Dyck, S. C., | 200                     | 1200                            | 141                              | ..            | 1              | ..   | ..         | ..         | 4     | 138                      | 7        | ..      | 50                             | 25                                   | 4                 | ..                     | ..                       | Marbletown.                    |
| New Paltz,       | Vacant,                | 237                     | 1265                            | 228                              | 5             | ..             | ..   | ..         | ..         | 2     | 231                      | 23       | 2       | 110                            | 54                                   | 7                 | 300                    | ..                       | New Paltz.                     |
| Platekill,       | M. L. Schenck,         | 127                     | 700                             | 146                              | 2             | 2              | 1    | 4          | 1          | 144   | 20                       | ..       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                     | ..                       | Saugerties.                    |
| Rochester,       | C. Wyckoff,            | 300                     | 1500                            | 192                              | 6             | 2              | 1    | ..         | 4          | 195   | 21                       | 1        | 50      | ..                             | ..                                   | 5                 | ..                     | ..                       | Accord.                        |
| Rosendale,       | T. C. Strong,          | 61                      | 350                             | 44                               | 1             | 4              | ..   | ..         | ..         | ..    | 49                       | 6        | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Rosendale.                     |
| Saugerties,      | C. Van Sautvoord,      | 130                     | 750                             | 139                              | 5             | 4              | 4    | ..         | ..         | 1     | 193                      | 13       | ..      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | 130                      | Saugerties.                    |
| Shokan,          | S. Harlow,             | 80                      | 400                             | 95                               | 3             | 2              | 5    | 1          | 4          | 90    | 10                       | ..       | 20      | ..                             | ..                                   | ..                | ..                     | ..                       | Shokan.                        |
| Woodstock,       | A. Gulick,             | 112                     | 671                             | ..                               | ..            | ..             | 1    | 2          | ..         | 2     | 184                      | 10       | 17      | ..                             | ..                                   | 1                 | 45                     | ..                       | Woodstock.                     |

## CLASSES OF ORANGE.

| CHURCHES.          | PASTORS.                    | Census.             |                            | Communicants.                 |                |                 |            |            |       |                     | Bapt. C. & B. C. |         |                        | Sub. Schools. | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. |                                 |                    |                     |
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| Berea,.....        | J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.,..... | 36                  | 450                        | 103                           | 14             | 2               | 3          | 1          | 2     | 119                 | 9                | 1       | 150                    | 120           | 2                      | 2                               | 2                  | St. Andrews.        |
| Montgomery,.....   | R. P. Lee,.....             | 235                 | 415                        | 13                            | 3              | 13              | 2          | 3          | 8     | 403                 | 22               | 1       | 150                    | 120           | 3                      | 3                               | 3                  | Montgomery.         |
| Shawangunk,.....   | J. B. Alliger,.....         | 220                 | 203                        | 2                             | 2              | 4               | 4          | 1          | 1     | 203                 | 9                | 1       | 42                     | 25            | 4                      | 4                               | 4                  | Braynswick.         |
| New Prospect,..... | J. T. Demarest,.....        | 104                 | 104                        | 2                             | 2              | 2               | 2          | 1          | 1     | 114                 | 10               | 1       | 30                     | 30            | 4                      | 4                               | 4                  | Elsterville.        |
| Deer Park,.....    | G. P. Van Wyck,.....        | 130                 | 1050                       | 1                             | 2              | 3               | 3          | 1          | 1     | 103                 | 3                | 1       | 25                     | 25            | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Port Jervis.        |
| Newburgh,.....     | A. B. Van Zandt,.....       | 37                  | 113                        | 4                             | 4              | 6               | 6          | 1          | 1     | 125                 | 8                | 1       | 1                      | 1             | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Newburgh.           |
| Minisink,.....     | Vacant,.....                | 130                 | 1080                       | 95                            | 2              | 2               | 2          | 1          | 1     | 95                  | 14               | 1       | 1                      | 1             | 2                      | 2                               | 2                  | Montague.           |
| New Hurley,.....   | E. Slingerland,.....        | 75                  | 400                        | 111                           | 10             | 19              | 6          | 1          | 1     | 132                 | 11               | 1       | 25                     | 25            | 2                      | 2                               | 2                  | Madua.              |
| Walden,.....       | C. Whitehead,.....          | 137                 | 635                        | 163                           | 4              | 4               | 6          | 1          | 1     | 166                 | 10               | 1       | 65                     | 65            | 4                      | 4                               | 4                  | Walden.             |
| Walpack,.....      | R. Pitts, S. S.,.....       | 127                 | 100                        | 95                            | 1              | 5               | 1          | 1          | 1     | 100                 | 5                | 1       | 20                     | 20            | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Hornbecks.          |
| Bloomington,.....  | S. W. Mills,.....           | 100                 | 500                        | 142                           | 11             | 11              | 3          | 4          | 4     | 152                 | 7                | 3       | 59                     | 78            | 4                      | 4                               | 4                  | Bloomington.        |
| Ellenville,.....   | S. B. Ayres,.....           | 110                 | 500                        | 132                           | 13             | 11              | 3          | 4          | 4     | 154                 | 9                | 1       | 14                     | 14            | 2                      | 2                               | 2                  | Ellenville.         |
| Fallsburgh,.....   | J. G. Duryee,.....          | 220                 | 1100                       | 132                           | 13             | 11              | 3          | 4          | 4     | 154                 | 9                | 1       | 14                     | 14            | 2                      | 2                               | 2                  | 70 Woodbourne.      |
| Warwarsing,.....   | J. Demarest,.....           | 45                  | 225                        | 96                            | 4              | 1               | 1          | 1          | 1     | 98                  | 1                | 2       | 10                     | 10            | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Napanoch.           |
| Grahamville,.....  | T. B. Gregory,.....         | 40                  | 160                        | 24                            | 1              | 1               | 1          | 1          | 1     | 21                  | 1                | 1       | 10                     | 10            | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Grahamville.        |
| Wurtsborough,..... | A. C. Hillman,.....         | 40                  | 160                        | 24                            | 1              | 1               | 1          | 1          | 1     | 21                  | 1                | 1       | 10                     | 10            | 1                      | 1                               | 1                  | Wurtsborough.       |

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## Summary View of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for the Year 1848.

| CLASSIS.                           | Churches. | Ministers. | Candidates. | Students. | Number of Fam-<br>ilies. | Total of Congre-<br>gation. | Received.           |                      | Total of Com-<br>municants. | Baptized. |         | Number of Cate-<br>chumens. | Number in Bibli-<br>cal Instruction. | Number of Sab-<br>bath Schools. | Number of<br>Scholars. | STATED CLERKS.             |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                    |           |            |             |           |                          |                             | On Confes-<br>sion. | On Certifi-<br>cate. |                             | Infants.  | Adults. |                             |                                      |                                 |                        |                            |
| New York,.....                     | 21        | 30         | 1           | ..        | 1879                     | 7995                        | 108                 | 149                  | 4128                        | 263       | 22      | 790                         | 331                                  | 21                              | 1234                   | Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D. |
| South Classis of New York,.....    | 7         | 10         | ..          | ..        | 756                      | 3670                        | 40                  | 46                   | 1430                        | 103       | 7       | 625                         | 151                                  | 9                               | 1353                   | " S. H. Meeker,            |
| New Brunswick,.....                | 19        | 27         | 1           | ..        | 2041                     | 9435                        | 85                  | 39                   | 2649                        | 194       | 11      | 650                         | 162                                  | 39                              | 1335                   | " D. D. Demarest,          |
| Bergen,.....                       | 11        | 11         | 1           | ..        | 1331                     | 5738                        | 59                  | 63                   | 1632                        | 101       | 5       | 485                         | 389                                  | 15                              | 1099                   | " John Garretson,          |
| Passaic,.....                      | 9         | 10         | ..          | ..        | 863                      | 3701                        | 32                  | 14                   | 796                         | 83        | 2       | 155                         | 163                                  | 15                              | 415                    | " John A. Staats,          |
| Paramus,.....                      | 13        | 11         | ..          | ..        | 1510                     | 7098                        | 47                  | 33                   | 1740                        | 153       | 1       | 357                         | 119                                  | 18                              | 562                    | " John H. Duryea,          |
| South Classis of Long Island,..... | 11        | 11         | ..          | ..        | 329                      | 3275                        | 35                  | 71                   | 967                         | 93        | 4       | 310                         | 152                                  | 14                              | 719                    | " R. O. Currie,            |
| North Classis of Long Island,..... | 7         | 9          | ..          | ..        | 720                      | 3340                        | 27                  | 25                   | 777                         | 48        | 8       | 190                         | 185                                  | 11                              | 431                    | " G. J. Garretson,         |
| Philadelphia,.....                 | 10        | 12         | ..          | ..        | 725                      | 4504                        | 28                  | 25                   | 1697                        | 49        | 7       | 108                         | 135                                  | 10                              | 743                    | " J. R. Talmage,           |
| Poughkeepsie,.....                 | 12        | 12         | ..          | ..        | 905                      | 4650                        | 38                  | 19                   | 1637                        | 79        | 8       | 355                         | 430                                  | 22                              | 1465                   | " A. M. Mann,              |
| Hudson,.....                       | 8         | 6          | ..          | ..        | 719                      | 3204                        | 21                  | 11                   | 1171                        | 84        | 6       | 70                          | 76                                   | 17                              | 440                    | " Ira C. Boice,            |
| Illinois,.....                     | 7         | 3          | ..          | ..        | 166                      | 865                         | 7                   | 9                    | 127                         | 16        | 3       | 66                          | 55                                   | 2                               | 190                    | " A. D. Wilson,            |
| Albany,.....                       | 14        | 11         | ..          | ..        | 1369                     | 6317                        | 161                 | 70                   | 1939                        | 112       | 16      | 238                         | 150                                  | 10                              | 644                    | " I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.     |
| Ulster,.....                       | 17        | 13         | ..          | ..        | 2172                     | 10241                       | 31                  | 58                   | 2551                        | 193       | 26      | 405                         | 194                                  | 35                              | 995                    | " C. L. Van Dyke,          |
| Rensselaer,.....                   | 9         | 9          | ..          | ..        | 1134                     | 5700                        | 37                  | 21                   | 1430                        | 36        | 18      | 14                          | 70                                   | 17                              | 630                    | " John De Witt,            |
| Washington,.....                   | 9         | 11         | ..          | ..        | 415                      | 1660                        | 11                  | 16                   | 643                         | 14        | 2       | 130                         | 30                                   | 7                               | 285                    | " J. H. Picher,            |
| Montgomery,.....                   | 20        | 17         | ..          | ..        | 1123                     | 5270                        | 22                  | 19                   | 1191                        | 34        | 1       | 85                          | ..                                   | 11                              | 450                    | " D. Van Olinda,           |
| Schoharie,.....                    | 12        | 14         | ..          | ..        | 556                      | 2670                        | 4                   | 9                    | 756                         | 24        | ..      | 170                         | 30                                   | 10                              | 578                    | " Jacob West,              |
| Schenectady,.....                  | 10        | 12         | ..          | ..        | 820                      | 4055                        | 9                   | 32                   | 1047                        | 53        | 2       | 175                         | 95                                   | 13                              | 675                    | " A. J. Swits,             |
| Cayuga,.....                       | 19        | 21         | ..          | ..        | 1177                     | 3684                        | 31                  | 36                   | 1536                        | 43        | 4       | 115                         | 231                                  | 27                              | 605                    | " B. Bassler,              |
| Orange,.....                       | 16        | 20         | ..          | ..        | 1944                     | 5640                        | 33                  | 65                   | 2313                        | 133       | 11      | 275                         | 373                                  | 32                              | 1257                   | " J. B. Ten Eyck,          |
| Greene,.....                       | 9         | 7          | ..          | ..        | 600                      | 3750                        | 20                  | 24                   | 1116                        | 48        | 2       | ..                          | 43                                   | 13                              | 400                    | " W. A. Cornell,           |
| Watervliet,.....                   | 7         | 6          | ..          | ..        | 370                      | 1718                        | 14                  | 32                   | 628                         | 30        | 1       | ..                          | 55                                   | 7                               | 450                    | " T. F. Wyckoff,           |
| Michigan,.....                     | 5         | 5          | ..          | ..        | 118                      | 578                         | 6                   | 8                    | 149                         | 7         | 1       | ..                          | 53                                   | 4                               | 920                    | " D. McNeish,              |
| Total,.....                        | 232       | 298        | 332         | 24141     | 110308                   | 1061                        | 944                 | 34100                | 2013                        | 169       | 5769    | 3712                        | 369                                  | 17225                           |                        |                            |

## ARTICLE VII.

## SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

A complaint of Rev. Douw Van Olinda against the Classis of Montgomery, respecting their action at a special session held at Fort Plain, Oct. 28th, 1847, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, together with the Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report, that on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany they find, page 22, a Memorial signed by J. M. Van Buren, referred to the consideration of this General Synod. They also find the following Appeals, viz., one on the 24th page, by A. G. Fonda; another on the 25th page, by the same person; and a third on the 26th page, by the Church of New Prospect.

M. N. McLAREN, *Chairman.*

*Kingston, June 8, 1848.*

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the Memorial signed by J. M. Van Buren, together with the Appeals noticed in said report, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A Memorial was received from the Rev. Dr. McLean, requesting that he may be permitted to be heard in relation to his case to be brought before the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave respectfully to report :—

I. On the complaint of the Rev. D. Van Olinda on the action of the Classis of Montgomery, in the matter of form or proceedings against the Rev. Dr. McLean, at a special session of said Classis at Fort Plain on the 28th October, 1847.

The documents before them, and which they have examined, are the following :—the Complaint of the Rev. D. Van Olinda, the Minutes of the aforesaid Classis, the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, p. 22, and a Memorial of the Rev. Dr. McLean to the General Synod; all which are submitted for the examination of the Synod.

In the judgment of your committee the complaint is in order ;

and the particular subject for the consideration of the Synod is the reconsideration by the Classis of Montgomery, at their special session at Fort Plain on the 28th October, 1847, of their former vote passed by them at their adjourned session at Canajoharie on the 12th October, 1847, and the resumption of the pastoral connection between the Rev. Dr. McLean and his church.

If that vote of reconsideration of their former vote of dissolution, and the resumption of the pastoral relation should be pronounced valid, then by the concurrence of both parties, of the said pastor and his church, as well as the action of the Classis, the whole matter is referred to this Synod for their parental interference or original judicial action.

If that vote of reconsideration should be deemed by the Synod to be out of order and invalid, then it is for the Synod to decide whether they will sustain the recorded Appeal of the Rev. Dr. McLean and A. H. Moyer, at the meeting of the said Classis at Canajoharie, on the said 12th October, 1847, and proceed to try the Appeal.

Your committee have carefully abstained from expressing any opinion on the general merits or demerits of this painful and perplexing case of ecclesiastical discipline. They may be called upon to sit as judges and give their verdict in the matter.

They recommend that the following order be observed in taking up this business.

1. That the Complaint of D. Van Olinda be read.
2. That the Memorial of J. M. Van Buren, referred to this Synod by Particular Synod of Albany, be read.
3. That the Memorial of Dr. McLean be read.

II. That they find on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 24, notice of an appeal from the decision of said Synod, in not sustaining an appeal of A. G. Fonda from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, in the matter of an election of one elder and two deacons by the church of Schenectady.

And also, on page 25, notice of an appeal from a second decision of said Synod, upon the subject of the *ordination* of one elder and two deacons by the church of Schenectady, while an appeal upon the subject of their election was pending.

The committee are of the opinion that the above appeals have been regularly prosecuted, and as the documents have been put into their hands and found in order, and also a request from the appellant that the General Synod would appoint some person to conduct the appeals, he not being present himself, your committee recommend that the request of the appellant be granted, and that the Synod proceed to take up the appeals in the usual order.

III. The committee would further report, that they find on the Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany, page 26, notice of an appeal by the church of New Prospect from a decision of Particular

Synod. As no documents have been presented in this case, the appeal is considered as relinquished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. WESTBROOK, *Chairman*.

The ayes and nays on the vote to adopt that part of the Report which relates to the Complaint of the Rev. D. Van Olinda against the action of the Classis of Montgomery, in the matter of form or proceedings against the Rev. Dr. McLean, at a special session held at Fort Plain on the 28th day of October, 1847, being called for, were taken and are as follows :—

*Ayes*.—J. Lillie, T. E. Vermilye, I. S. Demund, W. Woram, G. Zabriskie, A. Van Nest, C. D. Westbrook, J. G. Sperling, H. P. Allen, R. Van Nest, L. Carman, J. Garretson, W. V. V. Mabon, W. J. R. Taylor, C. S. Hagaman, P. D. Oakey, T. M. Strong, S. Cortelyou, J. L. Vandewater, W. H. Jackson, N. E. Smith, R. L. Schoonmaker, J. Schoonmaker, T. Snediker, J. Remsen, A. O. Halsey, P. Labagh, W. A. Miller, J. A. Staats, J. L. Janeway, C. E. Crispell, J. Hover, J. McClellan, R. Willis, I. N. Wyckoff, A. F. Lansing, M. L. Schenck, J. Cruickshank, C. Wyckoff, S. Bruyn, J. V. L. Overbaugh, B. A. Newkirk, B. Van Zandt, J. De Witt, J. F. Mesick, H. Slawson, J. H. Pitcher, E. Walter, W. Demarest, R. Wells, C. Spalding, P. Ferris, J. Lewis, J. A. Liddell, W. B. Van Wagenen, L. J. Hasbrouck, T. B. Gregory, A. B. Van Zandt, A. Kidd, J. Van Vleck, J. Searle, W. A. Cornell, T. Burroughs, J. Van Deusen, J. Minor, D. McNeish, T. F. Wyckoff, W. Pitcher, J. Gray, P. G. Vandenberg, J. B. Steele, W. W. Halloway.—72.

*Nays*.—F. F. Cornell, W. Eltinge, J. Boyd, J. Middlemas, E. P. Stimson, L. B. Thompson, J. Stevenson, J. Murphy, J. H. Moyer, I. G. Duryea, D. Brockett.—11.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the complaint of the Rev. D. Van Olinda against the action of the Classis of Montgomery, at a special session held at Fort Plain on the 28th day of October, 1847.

The President announced that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of judicial business.

Synod considered the complaint in the following order :

1. The complaint was read.
2. The documents in the case were read.

Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, when the following motion was made and seconded :—

*Resolved*, That the complaint of the Rev. D. Van Olinda be sustained. The question being taken on this resolution, it was decided in the *negative*.

The ayes and nays being called for, were taken, and are as follows :—

*Ayes*.—W. Woram, G. Zabriskie, A. Van Nest, J. G. Sperling, H. P. Allen, A. Messler, S. B. How, W. Reiley, L. Carman, J. Garretson, W. V. V. Mabon, W. J. R. Taylor, P. D. Oakey, P. Labagh, J. A. Staats, C. E. Crispell, J. Best, I. N. Wyckoff, M. L. Schenck, J. Cruickshank, C. Wyckoff, J. V. L. Overbaugh, H. Slawson, J. H. Pitcher, W. Demarest, R. Wells, C. Spaulding, P. Ferris, J. Lewis, W. W. Halloway, A. J. Swits, W. B. Van Wagenen, L. J. Hasbrouck, T. B. Gregory, J. L. See, T. Burroughs, D. Brockett.—37.

*Nays*.—J. Lillie, T. E. Vermilye, I. S. Demund, C. D. Westbrook, F. F. Cornell, J. R. Baker, W. Eltinge, C. S. Hagaman, A. G. Ackerman, M. N. McLaren, T. M. Strong, W. H. Jackson, S. Cortelyou, A. O. Halsey, W. A. Miller, H. Vedder, J. Barnes, J. L. Janeway, J. Gosman, J. Boyd, R. Willis, J. Middlemas, T. Van Vechten, B. A. Newkirk, B. Van Zandt, J. DeWitt, E. Walter, J. B. Steele, N. V. Fort, J. A. Liddell, J. A. Duryea, A. B. Van Zandt, A. Kidd, J. Van Vleck, J. Searle, J. Van Deusen, J. Minor, D. McNeish, J. Gray, W. Pitcher, P. G. Vandenberg.—41.

A communication was received from the Rev. D. Van Olinda, in relation to his complaint against the Classis of Montgomery. The Chair decided that the subjects referred to in the communication of the Rev. Mr. Van Olinda had been adjudicated in the trial of his complaint, and therefore it could not be entertained by the Synod.

Synod took up the memorial of the Rev. J. M. Van Buren, found on page 22 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, in relation to the action of the Classis of Montgomery, at two several meetings of said Classis, held on the 12th and 28th days of October, 1847. The memorial having been read,

The President decided that the matter contained in the above memorial has already been adjudicated, and that therefore it contains no subject for the action of this Synod.

Synod took up the reference of the “whole case of the Rev. Dr. C. G. McLean and the church of Fort Plain,” by the Classis of Montgomery to this General Synod.

*Resolved*, That Synod consider the “whole case,” as stated in the reference of the Classis of Montgomery, to embrace all the Min-

utes and documents of the Classis of Montgomery in the case since the last General Synod, and so much of the Minutes of the last General Synod as may be needful to elucidate the case.

The Minutes of the last General Synod upon the subject were read. The Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery in the case since the meeting of the last General Synod were read. The papers or documents which were before the Classis in the course of their proceedings, were read.

Whereupon the following was adopted :—

In the reference now before us from the Classis of Montgomery in the case of Rev. Dr. McLean,

*Resolved*, That all parties concerned in this reference be affectionately commended to mutual conciliation, and that a committee from this Synod be appointed to assist in effecting the same, or in favoring, if necessary and agreeable, a dissolution of the connection between the pastor and the church in a regular constitutional way.

The Rev. John Gosman, D. D., Jeremiah Searle, and Benjamin Van Zandt, and the Elders, Teunis Van Vechten and John Barnes, were appointed the committee contemplated in the above resolution.

*Resolved*, That the chairman of the committee be appointed to preach a sermon at the opening of the proceedings of the committee, and that they be empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in their number.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the Appeals embraced in the Report of the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business be postponed until the next meeting of the Synod.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee to whom so much of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to the subject of Ecclesiastical Organization was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of “The Committee on the State of the Church,” as relates to the subject of ‘Church Organization’ for the purpose of reducing the views of said Committee to a definite plan to be sent down to the several Classes, having met and appointed a sub-committee, who subsequently reported to the Committee of Synod, which Report was accepted, and is as follows, viz. : That the change contemplated

by the Committee on the State of the Church, who have bestowed upon this subject, in common with many others, their mature deliberation, may be embodied in the following plan, viz. :—

I. Instead of our present system of two Particular Synods, constituted by small delegations, let there be four Synods, to be called respectively the Synods of New Brunswick, New York, Albany and Utica, to be constituted either by convention or by a delegation of four ministers and four elders from each Classis.

II. Let these Synods embrace respectively the ministers and churches belonging to the following Classes :

The Synod of New Brunswick, the Classes of Philadelphia, Bergen, Passaic, Paramus and New Brunswick, (69 ministers and 63 churches.)

The Synod of New York, the North and South Classes of Long Island, the Classis of Orange, the Classis of New York, and the South Classis of New York, (76 ministers and 61 churches.)

The Synod of Albany, the Classes of Poughkeepsie, Hudson, Ulster, Greene, Rensselaer, Albany, Washington, and Illinois, (71 ministers and 81 churches.)

The Synod of Utica, the Classes of Watervliet, Schenectady, Schoharie, Montgomery, Cayuga, and Michigan, (73 ministers and 71 churches.)

III. Besides the ordinary business appertaining to the Particular Synod, each Synod to adopt such additional public religious services as in their judgment may be deemed for edification. (Vide Report of Committee on the State of the Church.)

IV. Instead of the present time of meeting, let the autumn be chosen, when the accumulation of facts elicited by the meeting of the General Synod, the different benevolent anniversaries, and the semi-annual meetings of the Classes, may be made available.

V. The above plan contemplates the modification of only a single article of the Constitution, which now reads as follows :—

“ Every Particular Synod shall comprehend a certain number of Classes, to be designated by the General Synod, and shall consist of a delegation of two ministers and two elders from every Classis within its bounds ; and seven ministers and seven elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.”

#### SUBSTITUTE.

Every Particular Synod shall comprehend a certain number of Classes to be designated by the General Synod, and shall consist of a convention of all the ministers, and an elder from each church within its bounds, or a delegation of four ministers and four elders from each Classis within its bounds ; and seven ministers and seven elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum, provided that at least three Classes shall be represented.

BENJAMIN VAN ZANDT, *Chairman Sub-Committee.*



*Resolved*, That the several Classes be requested to take action on the above plan, and if approved, whether they prefer that of delegation or convention, and that the result of such action be sent up to the next stated meeting of General Synod.

## ARTICLE X.

## DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

## CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

## SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Ninth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the late Treasurer of the Board of Education, John M. Keese, and of the present Treasurer, Brockholst L. Kip, were received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their Report was accepted. So much of the report as relates to the subject of the Board of Education, and to the Board of Sabbath-school Union, was adopted, and that part of it which relates to the subjects of the the Beneficiary System, and the Sabbath-school Union, contained in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, was referred to the next meeting of General Synod. The report is as follows :—

The *Committee on Education*, having carefully examined the documents referred to them, beg leave respectfully to report :—

I. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—During the past year no addition has been made to the number of scholarships, of which there are now thirteen fully endowed and productive. To the earnest appeal of the last General Synod, twenty churches have responded

by contributions, amounting, together with individual donations, to \$533 72. The Board have at present nineteen young men under their care, two of whom the Classis of Bergen, which recommended them, has agreed also to sustain for two years; and for the support of another from the island of St. Thomas, the church there, of which Rev. J. P. Knox is pastor, has become responsible, on condition that the Board pay the expenses of tuition. Eleven of the whole number are in the Collegiate course, and it is stated that "the latest Report from the Faculty of the College speaks favorable of their attention to study, and of their general deportment."

The amount now due to the College for the tuition-fees of the past year is \$550, which, the Board remark, "must be supplied from our present funds, or remain unpaid;" and with the same number of young men, and a similar state of the treasury, the difficulty will be one of yearly occurrence. "Under these circumstances the Board have felt that they were not authorized to admit upon their funds any new applicants; but, on the contrary, that unless some action of General Synod meet the case, they must allow the places of the present incumbents, as they finish their course of study, to remain unoccupied, until the number of beneficiaries shall be reduced to thirteen or fourteen."

B. L. Kip, Esq., has been duly elected, and has kindly consented to serve as Treasurer, in place of J. M. Keese, Esq., resigned.

Your committee recommend the following resolution for the adoption of General Synod:—

*Resolved*, That the Synod approve the course of the Board of Education in reducing the extent of their obligations within the limits of a prompt and honorable fulfilment.

II. THE BOARD OF SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION.—This Report is quite brief, and the only facts reported, and reported in general terms, are these;—the accession during the year of several schools to the Union, and the organization of a number of new schools, which have in many instances been furnished with libraries, and in other ways liberally assisted. It is calculated that there are now some 10,000 children under the care of the Board.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—The parts of the report referred to your committee relate, 1st, to the subject of Education and the Beneficiary System; and 2nd, to the Board of Sabbath-school Union.

1. *Education and the Beneficiary System*.—Amidst various other subordinate statistics, it appears that, since the year 1814, \$73,135 29 have been expended by the Church on the education of somewhere about 180 individuals, of whom 7 became foreign missionaries, some 60 are now in the exercise of the pastoral office, 24 were either sent off or withdrew to secular occupations, and 15 appear to have absconded and left no trace behind. The two

classes last named, amounting to more than a fifth of the whole, "have absorbed in the aggregate \$8,233," or very nearly a ninth part of the sum total. Of that sum total, moreover, not more than \$3,300 have been refunded, while it is estimated that there are still "at least \$5,000 that ought to be refunded promptly, because coming fully and fairly within the provisions of the obligations given to that effect." It appears farther that both the cost of the system and the proportion of failures have increased of late years,—that both are now larger; the failures, especially, are said to be "far more numerous" than in the other connections,—that the number of self-sustaining students of theology is decreasing among us,—and that, to use the language of the report, "it is undeniable that very many who have actually become incumbents, did not know their own minds on the subject of the ministry, and others, as well as their friends, have mistaken their very piety."

Your committee are not surprised at the condemnation which the report pronounces upon a system, which in its working—at least as worked by us—seems to produce such "deplorable results," nor is it easy to see how the impeachment can be evaded, that for this mismanagement "the Church herself is mainly responsible."

The remedy which the report suggests for these evils, is distributed under the three following recommendations:—

(1.) "That in the selection of beneficiaries the resolutions of 1846, (Acts and Proceedings of General Synod, page 72,) be *rigidly regarded*." To the request contained in the third resolution here referred to, your committee beg to call special attention, as one, punctual compliance with which is, in their opinion, of the very highest moment.

Under this head, also, are proposed two additional rules: "*First*, That hereafter no one be eligible as a subject of recommendation for aid, who shall not have been a member of the Church at least one year previous to such recommendation, and who shall not during that time have given satisfactory evidence of consistent and growing piety. And, *Secondly*, That all who become beneficiaries shall be considered, during the first six months of their entrance in study, as *probationers*, liable at any time to be discharged for remissness in diligence, or such traits of character and capacity as render it inexpedient, in the combined judgment of his instructors and the Board, that he should be suffered to proceed."

Your committee recommend that the second of these additional rules be amended by the omission of the words, "considered, during the first six months of their entrance in study, as probationers," and that the whole of this first recommendation be then adopted by the General Synod.

(2.) The *second* remedial recommendation contains seven specifications, the first five of which, contemplating the provision of a suitable boarding-house at New Brunswick, your committee think can be more safely acted on when the Special Committee appointed by the present Synod for conference in regard to the New Bruns-

wick institutions, shall have reported; and your committee accordingly recommend that the consideration of said plan be reserved until then.

The sixth and seventh specifications have suggested to your committee the following resolutions, which they venture to submit as a continuation of those under the previous head:—

*Thirdly*, That any habit of misusing the sacred funds of the Board, or the manifestation of a spirit of insubordination and resistance to the government, whether of the College or the Seminary, shall enter as most important and controlling elements into the formation of that judgment.

*Fourthly*, That the Board of Education exercise, as far as practicable, a close and vigilant, kind and paternal supervision of each beneficiary as a Christian professor, student, and candidate for the office of the holy ministry.

(3.) The *third* proposition, or set of propositions, for the prevention and cure of existing evils, relates to the bond requiring beneficiaries to refund, as Providence may enable them, the money expended by the Church on their education. The “undesirable results” connected with the operation of this plan, or rather with almost every attempt to execute it, are strongly stated in the report, and it is there recommended that in future “every beneficiary be required to place himself at the disposal of the Board of Domestic Missions for two years, except when accepted as a foreign missionary, or when some extraordinary circumstance justify the Board in releasing him from the obligation altogether, and that said service of two years, with the usual salary under the Board of Domestic Missions, shall be considered as full repayment of the assistance afforded him while preparing for the ministry.” This suggestion is accompanied in the report with the necessary complementary provisions and limitations.

Your committee regret that, after very careful consideration of this plan, they find themselves unable to concur in recommending it for the adoption of General Synod. It would seem to introduce among the licentiates of the Church a principle of classification, affecting their standing, prospects and efficiency, which your committee regard as inadmissible. Your committee, indeed, are aware that in certain Presbyterian bodies, having no beneficiary system, and which yet are distinguished for their powers of self-extension, the time and service of *all* the licentiates, so long as they remain licentiates, are held at the disposal of the Church; and your committee may be permitted here to suggest, as a question worthy of the gravest consideration, whether the application of a similar rule in our own case to the first two years after licensure, would not greatly facilitate the missionary enterprises of the Church, and equally benefit our young brethren, by extending their acquaintance with the wants and capabilities of the home-field, by increasing their practical efficiency, and furthering their settlement as pastors.

With regard to the present system of "refunding bonds," the report clearly shows, that, although fruitful of evil, it fails almost utterly in securing the single end proposed. Your committee believe that system to be radically erroneous, and that its chief tendency and effect is to vitiate at the outset the relation, in itself so tender and honorable on both sides, subsisting between the Church and her beneficiaries. The moment a pious youth, be his worldly circumstances what they may, enters our institutions as one consecrated to the service of the Church in the ministry of the gospel, let it be understood on all hands, that the faithful fulfilment of that purpose, by the grace of God, will alone be accepted as a satisfactory and an abundant return for all the care she exercises, and for whatever pecuniary aid she may be enabled to afford, while preparing him for her own and the Master's use. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod :—

*Resolved*, That pecuniary repayment be required only in case of wilful abandonment of study, or of such misconduct as renders dismission necessary ; and that, in the case of a beneficiary leaving the Church, the obligation to repay in full be *prima facie* absolute, yet with a discretionary power in the Board to abate the claim to not less than one half.

*Resolved*, That the principles of the above resolution be applied to all existing bonds.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education furnish each beneficiary under their care with a printed statement of his rights and duties resulting from that relation, in so far as these are, or may be, determined by the action of General Synod.

2. BOARD OF SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION.—That portion of the Report which concerns this great interest is mainly devoted to a very forcible, and, in the judgment of your committee, conclusive vindication of the right and the duty of the Church to provide in this matter for those of her own household, and to retain in her own hands the control of that provision.

Your committee would propose to amend the last paragraph by the omission of all between the words, "their own schools" and "that they will aid," and by reading the last sentence thus : "And, as the Synod's Board is auxiliary to the A. S. S. Union, that the churches transmit their contributions to the American Union through the Synod's Board, so that the efficiency," &c.

Your committee also recommend, that that part of the report relating to the Board of Sabbath-school Union be published for the information and guidance of the churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LILLIE, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that

the following were chosen, viz., Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., James Romeyn, and the Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz., Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., John M. Macauley, John Gosman, D. D., Garret J. Garretson, James Romeyn, and Messrs. John J. Brouer, Charles H. Van Wyck, Leonard Bleecker, Jason H. Bockover, Daniel R. Suydam, James Anderson, and Thomas Earle.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

Nothing occurred.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service has expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Cayuga, Passaic, Albany and Schenectady, which were confirmed; and

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes which have not nominated. The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev John L. Janeway, John C. Van Liew, John B. Steele, Staats Van Santvoord, Gabriel Ludlow, Joseph Knieskern and William Pitcher.

The Rev. John C. F. Hoes was appointed a member of the Board for the Classis of Ulster, in the place of the Rev. J. C. Vandervoort, who has removed to the Classis of Rensselaer; and the Rev. Henry Morris from the Classis of Washington, in the place of the Rev. D. A. Jones, removed to the Classis of Albany, on nominations from these respective Classes.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to report as follows :

Most of the documents usually submitted to this Committee have been put into their hands, together with several applications for aid from our educational funds, made by young men of the Church.

To these documents your Committee have given as full and deliberate consideration as time and other duties would permit, and the following are the results at which they have arrived.

I. *The Report of the Board of Direction* will first claim the attention of Synod. This, with other documents relating to the performance of the duties of the Board during the past year, furnish evidence that their services, gratuitously rendered in the management of the financial interests of General Synod, have been discharged with their usual care and faithfulness. Entire unanimity has also prevailed in all their deliberations.

In the contract with the Board to publish an edition of the new Psalm and Hymn-book, Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt have agreed to publish ten thousand copies, at a fixed price to purchasers. And in order to reduce the price as low as possible, no remuneration has been asked by Synod of the publishers, as a condition of the contract. The book has been published and is before the churches.

Another subject brought to view in the Report of the Board, and one of no small interest, is the offer of the Rev. William H. Van Doren, of Williamsburgh, to deliver to the Treasurer of General Synod his bond, "conditioned to pay the sum of seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, or the annual interest thereof at a voluntary rate ; such interest to form a premium to be paid to any member of either the Seminary or College under the care of our Church, who shall write the best original essay on Missions, the premium to be awarded by four persons, viz., a member of the Theological Faculty, and a member of the College Faculty in rotation, beginning with the eldest in office, together with one each, chosen annually by the Foreign and Domestic Boards of Missions ; and Mr. Van Doren having placed with the Treasurer a sum to pay to the individual (Mr. Van Brunt) to whom the premium has been awarded for the present year, it was judged expedient that the Treasurer should return the amount of the premium to Mr. Van Doren, that he himself might on this occasion pay over the same, and that the subject of the establishment of a fund by Mr. Van Doren to secure annually a Missionary prize-essay be referred to the Synod."

The object of this offer cannot but be regarded as highly laudable, and the proposal a liberal one. The effect of carrying it out must necessarily be, not only to call forth talent and effort, but also to direct attention, and awaken reflection and zeal in the minds of the young men in our institutions, in reference to the subject of Missions, which is more and more felt to be of commanding importance, and in which the Church desire to have those young men as well as others feel a deeper and more lively interest.

Convinced, as your committee are, that these and other equally happy results will flow from this free gift, and the plan proposed in reference to the same by the donor, we beg leave to offer to Synod for their adoption the following resolutions, viz. :—

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod do accept the above-named donation and proposal of Mr. Van Doren, and that the Treasurer of General Synod be and hereby is authorized to receive and hold, on their behalf, his bond on the terms stated by him.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the donor of said sum, and that they regard his liberality as highly praiseworthy, and would hold it up as an example to others, in view of which they should be prompted to abound in works of charity.

The Treasurer of Synod has paid the amount, with interest, of one thousand three hundred and forty dollars, which had been received by him for the Board of Domestic Missions, into the Treasury of said Board.

On the subject of the state of the funds of General Synod, the Board state that until last year it was their happiness, for a long series of years, to inform the Synod that its income was equal to its expenditures, and that all its pecuniary obligations were promptly met. Last year it became our painful duty to report to the Synod that a deficiency of about one thousand six hundred dollars had occurred, mainly by the payment during the two previous successive years of a debt of one thousand five hundred dollars to the Trustees of Rutgers College, without any special provision having been made to meet such payment.

To supply this deficiency and reimburse the treasury, as well as to secure some other objects regarded as important, the last Synod appointed a committee to solicit contributions from the friends of the Church. From this committee nothing has yet been received into the treasury. It is, however, believed that they have not been neglectful of the object of their appointment. The indebtedness remains and is felt to be embarrassing. The Board renew the expression of their anxiety that it may be paid. This cannot be done from the ordinary income of the Synod. They therefore request that some method be adopted by the Synod for the earliest possible relief of its treasury.

The committee to whom reference is had in the above statement, have been prevented by good and sufficient causes, as set forth in their report to this body, from accomplishing the object of their appointment.

It should also be observed that the Synod of 1844

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to pay to the Board of Trustees the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, of monies reported as a balance now in his hands, and that this be considered as liquidating all claims in question on the part of the Board of Trustees against General Synod.

It appears, however, that although the Synod passed this act under the impression that there were means on hand to meet this de-



mand, there were at the time no surplus funds in the treasury; and also that the annual income is not sufficient, by a considerable amount, to meet the current expenditures of the Synod. There consequently occurs annually a deficit of about three hundred dollars. Your committee think that Synod should by all means, and promptly, make provision to meet this deficit, and relieve the treasury of present embarrassment, caused as above stated, and so not only prevent the accumulation of debt in future, but also have funds on hand to meet their yearly contingent expenses.

On these subjects your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz. :—

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction employ some suitable agent or agents to collect funds to the amount of \$5,000, for the purpose of relieving the embarrassments of the treasury, and securing other desirable objects contemplated by the action of the last General Synod in reference to these matters.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board assign to each Classis a sum proportionate to the number and ability of its churches, to be annually paid by them on or about the first of May to the Treasurer of General Synod, to defray its contingent expenses.

3. *Resolved*, That all the Classes be and hereby are urged to give prompt and punctual attention to this matter at their spring sessions, and regularly report to the Treasurer of General Synod. Upon examination of the accounts submitted to this Synod by their Treasurer, your committee learn that there are some monies due the Synod and held on note, which have a place among the items of the Treasurer's annual accounts, and upon which the interest is not paid, and has not been for a number of years past. It is desirable that these matters should be brought to a settlement, so that the accounts of the Treasurer be not encumbered by them as they have been for several years, and for other reasons that will suggest themselves to all. Your committee therefore recommend that the Synod adopt the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction bring these accounts to a final settlement, in a manner as conducive as circumstances will admit to the interests of Synod, and at as early a day as possible.

II. *Funds of General Synod*.—The Board state that they believe that the securities held by the Synod are good, and that the interest on its investments is punctually paid.

A full and satisfactory statement of the investments by the Board of all the funds of General Synod is also given by the Treasurer.

A like statement is given also by the Treasurer of Rutgers College concerning the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, together with a list of the young men who have received aid during the past year, viz., from April 1, 1847, to April 1, 1848, from the interest of said Funds.

III. *Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary*.—The Board met in stated session at New Brunswick on

Tuesday, July 20th, 1847, to attend to its appropriate duties. From their report your committee have gathered for record the following facts, viz.: That there have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the last year, of the Senior Class, six students; of the Middle Class, eleven; and of the Junior Class, nine.

The Board state that a member of the junior class has been absent during the course of the last session, and has been engaged in teaching during this time in order to procure means to prosecute his studies. The Faculty, it appears, yielded a reluctant consent, throwing him upon his own responsibility, and recommended him to the favorable regard of the Board from the peculiarities of his case, viz., the character of the young gentleman, and his engagement to submit to an examination with his class.

Your committee would recommend that the Synod approve the course adopted by the Faculty and the Board in this case. Whilst however self-relying and self-sustaining efforts are to be cordially commended and encouraged in our young men, your committee would express the earnest hope that the Faculty and the Board will continue to exercise all due caution in such cases.

We are happy to learn, that when there were indications of something more than the ordinary presence of the Spirit of God in the College, the students of the Seminary were not without a share of the gracious influence.

We would have this Synod recognize with gratitude to God his goodness to the school of the prophets, in thus enriching their hearts with the refreshing grace of the Spirit, whilst they are pursuing a course of preparation in obtaining that knowledge of the system of divine truth and kindred studies, which is to qualify them for the work of the gospel ministry.

From the Report of the Board your committee learn further, that the examination of the students was thorough and highly satisfactory. The following young gentlemen were recommended to the professors for their usual certificates, viz., Nathaniel Conklin, Daniel Lord, Richard H. Steele, Jerome A. Davenport, John H. Manning and Abraham R. Van Nest.

Your committee feel, with the Board, that this Synod has reason to offer thanks to the great Head of the Church, for the continued goodness and fostering care which he has extended to the school of the prophets. And we are happy to hear of its increasing prosperity and usefulness.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARRETSON, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XV.

### STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

*Resolved,* In view of the great number of Hollanders now settling in our country, that it be strongly recommended to the Theological

Students in our Seminary to acquire a knowledge of the Dutch language, to qualify themselves for preaching in the Dutch language among them.

## ARTICLE XVI.

## CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## MISSIONS.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Board now in Synod, be requested to draw up and present to Synod a detailed statement of the missionary operations of the Board for the past year, to accompany the Report already presented.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Board for the Western Department, in conformity with the request of the Synod, made a statement of the missionary operations of the Board for the past year, which was referred to the Committee on Missions. A communication was received from the Secretary of the Domestic Board for the Eastern Department, in relation to the reports of the Board submitted to the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Missionary Sermon was preached before Synod on the eve-

ning of the seventh day of the session, in the Reformed Dutch church, by the Rev. Jeremiah Searle, from Isaiah xxvii. 13.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was amended and adopted in part, and the farther consideration of it was postponed to the adjourned session of the General Synod.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz., Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., William H. Van Doren, and Messrs. Charles S. Little and Thomas C. Doremus.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz., Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Abraham Messler, D. D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby, Thomas Lippincott, John S. Woodward, Walter Bicker, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Bauman Lowe, Garret Van Doren and George Zabriskie.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., was chosen *Primarius*, and the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, *Secundus*.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be empowered, as soon as possible, to select and appoint an itinerant missionary to attend to our missionary operations west of Buffalo.

*Resolved*, in view of the pressing necessities of funds, in order to meet the wants of the missionaries in the employment of the Board, that the churches be earnestly requested to take up collections on the third Sabbath in July, or as soon after as practicable, and that the ministers be invited to preach on this important subject, distinctly stating the wants of Board.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

Your committee have examined the reports submitted to the General Synod by the Treasurer of the Board of Corporation. From the one we have the number of subscribers, which, it appears, is fifty-six; and from the other, that the amount of annuities paid during the past year is \$1,350; and the amount received is \$1,942; leaving a surplus to be added to the new account, of \$592 09.

Your committee find, from these reports, that the plan is now in successful operation, the principles well settled and stable, and such as to invite the confidence of the clerical brethren of the Church, and affording a safe mode of investing funds for the future comfort of widows and orphans of the ministry.

There has nothing come to the knowledge of the committee, requiring attention of Synod, or in any way altering the present plan.

The plan is so benevolent and useful, and so certain in its results, that your committee indulge the hope that every minister in the Church will identify his interests in this important institution, and would recommend the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Institution of the Widows' Fund be earnestly commended to the churches, as an object every way worthy of their benevolent regard and efficient aid.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MURPHY, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XX.

### PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

A memorial was received from the Classis of Orange in relation to the new Hymn-book, requesting that an edition of the old book be published, which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., John Garretson and Theodore F. Wyckoff, and the Elders, George Zabriskie and John Barnes.

A petition signed by certain individuals, on the same subject, was presented, read, and referred to the same committee.

The committee reported, and their report was accepted; and, after considerable discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas difficulties exist in the minds of many in regard to the new Hymn-book, and some of the churches desire the privilege of still retaining the use of the old book—therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered to make the best possible arrangement with Messrs. Mentz &

Rovoudt, for re-stereotyping and publishing an edition of the former Book of Psalms and Hymns, as the same was in use in the Church previous to 1847.

2. *Resolved*, That in case no satisfactory arrangement can be made with the aforesaid publishers, yet, inasmuch as the copyright of the old book has run out, the Synod conceive that it would be the right of any publisher to issue an edition of the same, and this Synod will interpose no obstacle in the way of such publication, and the churches will be at full liberty to use the same.

3. *Resolved*, That *all* future editions of Psalms and Hymns, of both the old book and the new, shall contain the Catechisms, Confession of Faith, Articles of the Synod of Dort, and Liturgy of the Church, as heretofore embraced in the Psalm and Hymn-book.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to form a Digest of the Minutes of the General Synod :—

The committee appointed in June, 1846, to prepare a Digest of the acts of General Synod, beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and submit the following as the result of their labors :—

The resolution under which they acted, directed them to select such proceedings of the Synod as were of “general and permanent interest.” In deciding what portions of the immense mass of materials submitted to them were of this character, there was of course room for much diversity of opinion. The committee have endeavored to use their best discretion, so as not on the one hand to omit anything of real importance, nor on the other to swell their work by incorporating with it trifling details. They have spared neither time nor pains in attempting in this respect to perfect the Digest as much as possible. It remains for the Synod to judge of their success.

The articles are arranged nearly in the order in which the proceedings of the Synod are usually put on record in the official Minutes. Resolutions which were passed prior to the year 1832, and were incorporated in the new Constitution adopted in that year, have not been included in this compilation. In cases in which the legislation has wavered in the course of years, the last action of the Synod has been inserted at length, and a note of reference appended to the records of all previous action on the same subject. Where the legislation has extended over a number of years, all the detached parts have been brought together, so as to make a connected whole; the committee in this respect availing themselves of the latitude allowed them by the last General Synod.—(See Minutes of 1847, p. 200.) The work has been arranged in seventeen chapters, each of which is divided into a number of sections, corresponding to the specific items it comprises; and to the whole has been prefixed a very full table of contents, which, it is supposed, will supersede the necessity of an index.

The committee have given to this duty a considerable part of their leisure for the last two years ; but if the result now presented shall meet the approbation of the Synod, they will feel themselves abundantly rewarded.

THOMAS M. STRONG,  
TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

*June 1st, 1848.*

*Resolved*, That the Digest prepared by the Committee be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the present session.

A communication was received from H. M. Romeyn, Esq., in relation to a Memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Harmanus Meyer, which he has in contemplation to prepare and publish.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., and Peter Labagh, be a committee to examine the materials from which the said Memoir is to be prepared, and that they report to the Synod on the subject.

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., John B. Steele and W. V. V. Mabon, and the Elders, Sevreyn Bruyn and Abraham F. Lansing, be appointed to make arrangements for holding a public meeting at some time during the session of the Synod, in behalf of the benevolent operations of General Synod.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the meeting was held accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the necessary expenses incurred by the Committee on the State of the Church in attending to the business committed to them.

The Rev. Hiram Slawson, John Minor, and the Elder Thomas Burroughs, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to corresponding churches, and a person to preach the Missionary Sermon, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a Religious Journal, contained in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a Religious

Journal, beg leave respectfully to report: That they have considered the subject committed to them, and read with deep interest the views presented in the Report on the State of the Church, and present to the Synod the following suggestions and action on that subject. The committee cannot but feel that if it were possible for the Church to originate and sustain a quarterly publication of a high order, as a channel through which she might communicate the treasures of literature which exist in the midst of her, it would greatly subserve her interests and promote her prosperity; but the committee are not prepared to recommend at the present time any definite action on this subject.

In regard to the "Journal" which now circulates in the communion of the Church, the committee believe, that inasmuch as the patronage which at present sustains that paper is derived principally from members in her midst—as it is regarded as the accredited organ of the Church, both at home and abroad—and as the manner of conducting it and the principles which it advocates or resists affect directly the interests and the purity of the Church; that the General Synod ought to possess and to exert a controlling influence in the conducting of that paper. They would therefore recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is of great importance that a weekly religious paper, devoted to the interests of the Church, be published and circulated for the information and edification of the members of the Church; but that the Synod will only give its recommendation to such a paper on condition of having a proper control over its columns, its price, and its policy.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D. D., Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., and the Elders, Sevreyne Bruyn and William Woram, be a committee to confer with the proprietor of the Christian Intelligencer in reference to the principles and action recommended in this report, and report the result of their action to the next General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABRAHAM MESSLER, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Minutes of the present session will make a much larger pamphlet than usual, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to charge 37½ cents per copy for the same.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. James Romeyn be appointed to preach a sermon before the General Synod at the adjourned session on the evening of the first day, and that the Rev. John Garretson be his *Secundus*.



## ARTICLE XXI.

## BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, the Secretary of the Foreign Evangelical Society, at his request addressed the Synod on the afternoon of the third day of the session, on the operations of that Society.

*Resolved*, That the statements made by the Rev. Dr. Baird be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Fifty-two copies of the Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, several copies of the Statement and Appeal of the Borneo Mission, and of the Statement of Reasons in favor of larger contributions for the support of the Missions under the care of the A. B. C. F. M., were received and distributed among the members of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Pinney, Agent of the American Colonization Society, was heard at his request in the forenoon of the eighth day of the session, upon the operations of that Society. Whereupon it was

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod have heard the address of Rev. Mr. Pinney, Agent of Colonization, with pleasure.

2. *Resolved*, That the enterprise of Colonization, so successfully prosecuted, amid so much obloquy, and opposition, and misunderstanding, has our entire confidence, as wise, powerful, humane and philanthropic.

3. *Resolved*, That as it has been in past years repeatedly commended to the patronage of the churches in our connection, as pre-eminently combining the choicest benefits to Africa and America, to the emigrant colonists and to the heathen tribes around them, we would again offer it to their patronage, and more earnestly recommend to all pastors and churches an annual collection for its support, to be made early in July.

4. *Resolved*, That we have heard with the highest pleasure of the complete destruction of the slave factories near Liberia, and most earnestly hope for the day when a traffic so odious and cruel shall be swept from the ocean.

The Synod heard the Rev. Mr. Vail, Agent of the American Tract Society, on the interests of that institution, on the ninth day of the session. Whereupon

1. *Resolved*, That the character and value of the American Tract Society, in its adaptation to general usefulness and its power of

promoting the great interests of the Church, are too well known to need the commendation of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoice in the prosperity of the Tract Society, and they hope and pray that the blessing of God may rest on its labors, and give enlarged effect to its benevolent plans and efforts.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod cordially recommend the Tract efforts to the cordial regard and to the liberal contribution of the churches and congregations under its care.

A letter was received from the Rev. Mr. Bridel, delegate from the Evangelical Society of France, and from the Committee for the Evangelization of Paris, stating his inability to attend the meeting of Synod, and commending with great earnestness the suffering and appealing condition of the Protestant Christians in France to the kindest regards of the Synod. Whereupon

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod—not a few of whose members, and still more of the members of whose churches are descendants of Huguenot ancestors—cannot but feel deep interest in the Protestant Christians in France.

2. *Resolved*, That particularly in the present unprecedented condition of the Protestant Christians in France, when by the act of the Republican government perfect liberty of worship has been accorded, and the governmental support of the churches is, or is likely to be, withdrawn, both the advantages and necessities of the French Church appeal with almost compulsory power to the sympathy and liberality of the Reformed Dutch Church.

3. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the churches which Rev. Mr. Bridel may visit, to give him the most cordial reception and generous encouragement, and that the churches he cannot visit will please to make a contribution on the fourth Sabbath in July, or at any convenient time, for the benefit of the French Protestant Church.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

## ACCOUNTS.

The door-keeper's bill, and a bill for printing the nominations made by the committee for that purpose, for the use of the members, were presented, which were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report : The only papers put into their hands are, 1. A bill for printing tickets of nomination, amounting to \$3; 2. The door-keeper's bill, \$17 31; which they recommend to be paid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ELTINGE, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the families of this place, for the kind and hospitable manner in which its members have been received and entertained during the present session.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be also presented to the Minister and Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch church in this village, for the use of their church edifice during the session.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz., Rev. Edward P. Stimson, William Pitcher, and the Elder Peter G. Vandenbergh.

The Minutes were read and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

## ADJOURNMENT.

*Resolved*, That the next stated session of the General Synod, on the first Wednesday in June, 1849, be held in the Central Reformed Dutch church in the city of Brooklyn.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Dutch church in the city of Brooklyn, on the last Wednesday in September next, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was closed with singing the 21st hymn, 3d part, and prayer by the President.

THOMAS E. VERMILYE, *President.*

JEREMIAH SEARLE, *Adseessor.*

RANSFORD WELLS, }  
WILLIAM DEMAREST, } *Clerks.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

# APPENDIX.



# R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH,

APPOINTED BY

GENERAL SYNOD, JUNE, 1847.

PRESENTED, JUNE, 1848.

## EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

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*Resolved*, That a committee of nine be appointed to take into consideration the present state and correspondent duty and policy of the Church, and to suggest such measures as may be deemed most conducive to her enlargement and prosperity, and that they report at the next meeting of the General Synod.

*Resolved*, That the subject contained in the eleventh resolution of the above report [of the Committee on Missions, 1847,] be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. James Romeyn, Thomas De Witt, D. D., Rev. John Garretson, George W. Bethune, D. D., and Thomas M. Strong, D. D., together with the Elders, William B. Crosby, Teunis Van Vechten, George Zabriskie and Thomas C. Doremus, were appointed the "Committee on the State of the Church," contemplated in the above resolution.



# REPORT.



## Introductory Remarks.

THE Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by General Synod in June last, beg leave respectfully to report.

Your committee approach the duty of laying before Synod the result of their labors with mingled fear and hope. The general subject to which their appointment relates, is nothing less than the interests of the Church of God, so far as it is involved in the administration and policy of our own, one of its considerable branches on this continent. On questions of DOCTRINE, it would be comparatively easy to arrive at truth by a direct appeal "to the law and testimony;" but on questions of POLICY, other lights, all of course within the pale of right principles, are necessary to guide to wise conclusions. General principles, extended observation, our own experience, and the peculiarity of our circumstances, must all needs enter into any calculation that may rightfully lay claim to the character of wise and prudent, and it is desirable that we should arrive at their combined result.

Your committee have felt no inconsiderable degree of embarrassment in determining the *nature* and *extent* of their powers. After due consideration, our specialty was deemed to consist in this, *that we are a Committee of Inspection and Suggestion*, authorized to make thorough inquiry, and entitled to all necessary and desirable facilities in all kindness from parties concerned, and under obligation to recommend such modifications and additional provisions as our practical judgment, after careful investigation, might suggest. The commission, according to our conception of it, was deemed to be a high one, and its execution alike delicate and laborious. Your committee, however, considered that the *terms of their appointment are unqualified*, and this, in connection with other circumstances, indicated to their minds the existence of a prevailing sentiment, that action in all our departments was laboring and heavy—that disproportion, complication or defects exist, and would be detected on a careful comprehensive survey—and that, in contrast with the duty of the several annual committees of Synod, which are confined each to a single department, ours was to embrace *all*, both in their individual condition and their relation to the rest, and that the service expected at our hands involved much more than an ordinary degree of responsibility and labor. With no positive and

definite directions prescribing limits, and saying to them "thus far and no farther," it was concluded that very much was left to their discretion; and there has been an earnest desire and studied effort not to disappoint the favorable estimate or high expectation involved in this honorable trust.

Your committee would bespeak the candor of fathers and brethren in another point of view. Where diversities of opinion honestly maintained exist, and where there are existing policies that are endeared and cherished—where by-gone administration of given interests are more or less remotely involved, and where personal interests may in a measure be affected by proposed changes, it is impossible to act, and difficult even to make suggestions, without producing bearing somewhere. If it be required that this consequence be entirely avoided, our appointment was superfluous and our labor will be lost. But one recollection revived us—"Guidance into truth," and wisdom to direct, are promises of the "Father of lights," and it is the privilege of both the individual believer and of the Church collectively to ask them. Your committee have "asked," and the history of their deliberations discloses a "token for good." They are happy to state that no one suggestion has been forced through by dint of a majority. We have studied the same points, detected the same undesirable processes, and have been "perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment." The conclusions they submit are as though they were the product of the head and heart of one man, and if the Church shall exhibit equal unanimity, may we not take fresh courage from the persuasion thus produced, that there rests upon us, as a Church, the "spirit of wisdom and might, of counsel, and of the fear of the Lord," and that God is with us?

Your committee would also forestall an objection to the work in hand that may possibly exist in some minds, founded on the variety or magnitude of the modifications proposed. If the objection to alteration in any degree or form be valid in an absolute sense, we may claim under its sanction to stereotype the Church and world in their present condition, and dismiss the hope of ever seeing the latter-day glory. Truth is eternal, but expediency in its very nature varies with "times and seasons," which the Father has reserved in his own power. Instead of lashing the helm and resolving on one unvaried course, where winds sweep, and currents rush, and shoals and rocks endanger, the *attitude* of wisdom is, a hand on the helm and an eye to divine tokens; and the *act* of wisdom is to spread the sail to the favoring breeze, to bear up or bear away, as circumstances demand, *amid all variations* still confiding in Him who "ruleth the raging of the seas."

Changing circumstances call for corresponding changes in the action of the Church. Sometimes the Lord "calls for weeping," at another he forbids it; Neh. viii. 10. At one time he says, "Go forward;" then again, "Stand still." Israel had a rising and a resting prayer. He commends the children of Issachar, who "had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do;"

1 Chron. xii. 32. There doubtless is, distinct from personal piety, a *wisdom for administration*, such as God put upon the elders of Israel, that they might assist Moses, which is the gift of the Spirit. Like all other gifts of the same divine Author, it has its counterfeits, and it is often confounded with mere natural sagacity and carnal management, "which come to naught." Bestowed for "edifying the body of Christ," we are bound to recognize, prize, seek and cherish it, and give ourselves up to its guidance. "The wisdom of the wise is to understand his way." While the general principle cannot successfully be controverted, while our spiritual sagacity has been quick to estimate improved methods of action, and while our own Church has actually struck out some of the great outlines of Christian policy that now successfully prevail, we have not been promptly true to our own principles. We have "smitten but three times," when we should have smitten "five or six," and the results have been proportionate. Our organizations have been adopted piecemeal, and their peculiar forms are rather copies than original and wisely adapted constructions. What was duty, and proper when we needed the establishment and endowment of institutions and their consolidation—when our conceptions of duty and habits of action were yet in the forming stage—while yet enterprise, tempered largely by caution, like early navigators, kept close to the shore—before success from any quarter had cheered on God's sacramental host to bold daring and high achievement—while as yet communication was expensive, exhausting and difficult, and when the territory between our churches was like space between the fixed stars—cannot be allowed to be any longer the limit of duty, under the vastly improved circumstances of the day in which it is our responsibility, and may be our bliss to live. We respectfully and solemnly ask, that during the consideration of our report, the facts alleged may be distinctly kept in view, in connection with principles; and that there may be a constant recurrence to the inquiry, which is the child of candor and the parent of success, as well as a constant reference to corresponding duties involved, "*Men and brethren, are these things so?*"

As new and extended action is proposed, it will probably aid in securing a favorable estimate of the suggestions submitted, if the Synod will consider the questions in hand *from the same point of view* as that which the committee occupied when they formed their conclusions. They are not disposed to prove alarmists, nor do their hearts "tremble" unduly "for the ark of God," yet it is undeniable that, as a Church, we are "living at a poor, dying rate"—that there are tendencies whose ultimate bearings, however remote the issue may be as to time, is not friendly to a continuance of our distinct ecclesiastical existence—and that there is, if not an entire misapprehension of, or positive indifference, at any rate a widespread want of reference to, the primary, paramount character of the claims a Church has on the resources, influences, strenuous support and sturdy loyalty of all that belong to her communion, A policy lawfully instituted is "the law of the house" for minorities,

individuals, and all under its jurisdiction, *until* it be lawfully repealed, *except in cases* where enactments come between conscience and Him who is its only Lord. And your committee state, as in capitals, their united and strong conviction of the utter hopelessness of attaining due efficiency, steady increase and permanent prosperity, without a *revision* of our whole system, a due *adjustment* of the several departments in their relations, together with united, liberal, prayerful, persevering *effort*.

In reviewing our system, let it be observed that our institutions are all arranged between our Sabbath-school at the one extreme, and our missionary operations at the other. The relations of the several intermediate links are so obvious as not to require, just now, any special elucidation. Suffice it to say, that the children of the Church have claims to be trained up in the way they should go. Those whom the Church adopts and educates, taken in the main from their ranks, should possess a home feeling, as well as high qualifications of mind and heart. They should be the *élite* of her youth, and, like the brethren of Gideon, "every one of them," spiritually and intellectually, "like the children of a king." *Next* comes the necessity of careful and protracted observation of character, on the part of pastors and church officers. Great caution is required of Classes in recommending young men, and an increased degree of caution in our Synod and Board in adopting them. Suitable ones on the score of intellectual and moral endowments secured, their *development* and *training* is a work of fearful responsibility; and here we need thoroughness in the College and Seminary. Then again, full as our Church is to repletion, we *need vent* for those we commission, that we may make room for more, and may thus increase, however great it may already be, the number of those who "publish the word," until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth; and the *lack of a well-devised scheme of missionary operation* will render well nigh nugatory all that precedes.

These remarks are not designed to impugn the zeal or wisdom of our fathers and brethren, nor to discredit the efforts of by-gone years, nor to underrate the measure of blessing we yet undeniably enjoy. The amount of all is, trial has revealed defects in our system of operations, and the omissions or mistakes of the past may all be converted, by wisdom and zeal combined, into elements of future success and enlargement. Beyond any other period of the world, it is a day of change, of rapid transition, and in many respects of progress; and what your committee deem to be the great desideratum is, *adapted instrumentalities*. In the language of another, "Every generation in succession runs the risk of being sacrificed to a sort of after-wisdom, and of being governed by maxims which a former generation rightly adopted, but which are no longer applicable. In the mean time, it is no easy task to *apprehend with accuracy the moving panorama of the present*. For this purpose not only is an attentive and wide-ranging observation necessary, but also an active imagination, in order to summon before the mind a vivid and complete picture of the contemporaneous state of things,

and to people the entire circle of the horizon with living objects. Hence the profound remark, that in policies, on account of the slowness with which the rays of fact travel to the eye, it is necessary to *predict the present*. Nothing would more conduce to the general welfare, than a prevailing disposition to recognize certain great maxims, *not derived from a blind and passive tradition, but forged anew by actual labor out of recent facts, and adapted to the exigencies of modern interests.*" The facts enumerated, and these great and incontrovertible principles, your committee found directly confronting them in entering on their duty. They confess themselves impressed by their magnitude and importance, and they respectfully ask a reference to them by Synod, as the clue to their motive for much minute investigation, and the seeming boldness of some of the changes recommended.

I. The first topic to which attention is directed is,

### **The State of our Institutions at New Brunswick.**

The Professors of the Seminary are all duly engaged in giving instructions in their respective departments. The number of students is 32; viz., 11 in the Senior Class, 9 in the Middle, and 12 in the Junior; and, in the enjoyment of health, they appear to be pursuing their studies with commendable diligence. It appears desirable to your committee that, *in common with all the Boards of the Church, there should be some modification in the organization of the Board of Superintendents*. At present there is one from each Classis, however much they may vary in point of numbers. No good reason can be shown why this should continue. There are no Classical rights possibly involved, requiring a reference to the principle of representation. The duties of a Superintendent are among the most responsible in the Church, are often exceedingly delicate, and would seem to require, eminently, experience and matured judgment. The appointment to this high charge should therefore be taken in every degree out of the category of mere honorary ones. The Church needs, and should provide that that vital department be duly counselled and watched; and in order to do so by this agency, the present number, nineteen, is more than is necessary for that object; nay, it defeats the object proposed. It is too cumbrous and unwieldy for prompt action. It is so great as to divide responsibility largely, and necessarily to weaken proportionately the sense of personal responsibility. Beside which, a reference to the Report of the Treasurer of Synod will show that the annual expense created is too heavy in proportion to our means, and operates injuriously towards pressing and legitimate claims from other quarters. It is recommended that the number of Superintendents be reduced to ten—five from each of the two existing Particular Synods—to be nominated by the Synods respectively. If such reduction is made, it is no more than right that the Gene-

ral Synod, as is now the case, should continue to pay the necessary expenses incurred by the members in the execution of their commission, but in case the present rule, of a member from each Classis, be continued, each Classis should make provisions for meeting the expense of its own delegate. If, added to this change, the *term* of service be reduced from three to two years, it would secure, very nearly as fully as the existing plan, a desirable opportunity for the ministry in different parts of the Church in turn to form acquaintance with our officers and institutions—to exercise their share of control, and to keep up a due degree of sympathy and interest between them and the different parts of the Church. There is another evil connected in part with numbers. It is notorious that a large proportion, when they visit New Brunswick on this official service, make their stay at the hotels. The impression made by this observed and obvious fact, resolve it by what reasons we may, cannot be other than undesirable and unhappy, and should be promptly relieved. While it is recommended above that the Classes pay the expenses of the Superintendents they respectively send, it is also urged that, provided if for any cause the accommodations usually afforded the servants of the Church cannot be secured at New Brunswick, some provision be made for their comfort at private houses, at the expense of Synod, during their necessary detention there.

The history of the Church is replete with lessons on the danger that the study of theology may, by insensible gradations, pass into a mere intellectual exercise; that men may degenerate into spiritual dwarfs as they become literary giants; that the rigid and bold analyses of the chair may at length supplant the “sublime and mysterious divinity of the scriptures,” and that the teachings consequent will prove powerless to feed the Church of God. Your committee have no special complaints to set forth, but it will do no harm to “stir up the purest mind by way of remembrance,” that your Board of Superintendents are stationed on this part of the wall for the express purpose of guarding that vital interest of the Church, the character of the ministry in its forming stage—that while deep solicitude, guarded example and affectionate faithfulness are fitting personal exercises and traits—in common with all institutions which respect men, and where men administer, here also, and here specially, there is ever occasion for close scrutiny, judicious revision, firm administration and discriminating reports. Without indulging the spirit of invidious comparison, we hesitate not to commend our Seminary for the opportunity it affords for acquiring a thorough theological education; and by the addition of some more specific instructions and training in the composition of sermons and pulpit eloquence, so as to add to the availability of the knowledge acquired, the Church would have special cause for devout thanksgiving at the attainment of so full a consummation of her desires and hopes.

*[A question of jurisdiction being raised as to the right of Synod to institute inquiry into the affairs of the College, and to give publicity to*

*its results, it was at first resolved to dispense with the printing of this part of the report, and simply to place what the committee had prepared in the hands of a Committee of Conference with the Trustees, as a basis for action. The objection was, however, waived in courtesy, and harmonious action secured by the omission of some details of no special interest to the Church at large, and the presentation of the views of the committee on a somewhat reduced scale. The main features of the report, as presented, are however retained.]*

The interests involved in the College require a reference, on the part of the committee, to a general view of its condition.

The number of students is 52, including 20 beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries in the College and Seminary are 27, of whom 18 are incumbents on the funds of the Education Board, and 9 on the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

Although not fully endowed, and additional resources are desirable and indispensable for extended action, the Board have the handsome sum of nearly fifty-five thousand dollars in secure and profitable investments. In addition to the large central building and the President's house, they have lately had erected, by the efforts of the Faculty and the Alumni mainly, an elegant new hall, which will add largely to the accommodations of the Institution.

In bringing to view the operations of the College, it was found inconvenient to retrace the whole history in detail back to 1825, and it was thought that a retrospect of ten years would furnish all the data requisite for forming a correct estimate of its influence and value. Within that period 195 have been graduated, of which number 96 were from the State of New York, and 67 from New Jersey. The remainder we have not been at the pains to trace. Eighty-eight were beneficiaries. The present Senior Class numbers 14.

In common with all similar institutions, it has been called to an experience of fluctuations which cannot be traced to special assignable causes, and there is no disposition to conceal or deny the desirableness of some such modifications and additions as mark progress and an improved condition. The appointment of a committee by Synod to confer with the Trustees on this subject, relieves the necessity for minute details here. Under existing relations, a wise economy demands speedy attention to the preservation of the buildings and improvement of the grounds. As to its internal condition, without claiming the right of control, it is deemed that the suggestion of the following, among other features of improved policy, may aid in securing additional desirable results.

Our institutions are moulded after the general model of American colleges, and whether they are accommodated to the wants of the people in this age and country admits of a question. We are one of seven similar institutions within a district of one hundred miles in length, and with the exception of Easton, fifty miles west, not more than ten miles broad. Our position is well nigh central, and Rutgers is generally deemed to be, in a much greater degree than it really is, a denominational college. With all due humility,

we do claim consideration for the advantages for education we afford. With equal candor we must confess that we cannot claim any marked preëminence, and those who desire education within the range of these institutions may readily, and will naturally feel and yield to, the attraction of greater convenience, of superior numbers, of larger endowments, of greater collateral advantages, and often of the mere factitious distinction of greater age, wider fame, or even the influence of mere association. At the north and east, Amherst, Williamstown and Union invest us, and on what can we warrantably rest the hope of success amid such competition?

Many things not at all affecting the question of the intrinsic merits of the Institution, undeniably account, in no inconsiderable degree, for the comparative pretermission of it by the great public. added to all, the countenance of our own Church has not been of late toward it. Its spirit wears the aspect of chilling indifference; and all this is in strong and affecting contrast with that which, but twenty-two years ago, poured out its treasures like water in its behalf, and rendered its path, like Solomon's chariot, "paved with love."

An institution combining a literary course framed in strict subordination to theological education, after the plan of the Dissenting colleges in England, would be well-nigh an anomaly in this country, and would, if nothing more could be accomplished, be well worthy the combined gratitude and efforts of the Synod and Board, because largely fraught with beneficial influences. But we are by no means shut up to this necessity, or the hazard of the experiment. The alternative, one well worthy the sanctified ambition, and prayerful endeavor, and high resolve of the Church, but involving necessarily a larger amount of expense and complication of arrangement, is to render our College distinctive and distinguished as a literary institution, to give it precedence, and to offer inducements by which those seeking an education will be led to prefer it. In order to secure this end, the following provisions are deemed indispensable:—

1. *The expense of obtaining an education must be materially diminished.*

Tuition at New Brunswick is \$40, French \$5, and incidentals \$5; in all, fifty dollars; besides board, ranging from \$2 25, the lowest, to \$3, exclusive of washing.

This reduction can be secured, first, by a system of commons. Second, by a fund, as in one college we could name, whose interest is applied to the payment in full or in part of the tuition of poor students, and which thus becomes in reality a part of its permanent income; or, third, by the remission of tuition in some cases altogether.

2. *The College and Seminary should be separated, for obvious reasons.*

The connection established at the beginning was not a matter of choice, but of apprehended and perhaps actual necessity. The



original objections to it are confirmed by experience. In the eye of the public the connection is anomalous, unlike what is found anywhere else, rendering it seemingly a strictly denominational institution, furnishing occasion for constant discussion, negotiation, and a measure of agitation between the Synod and Board, and presenting the unattractive aspect of a cumbrous, complicated organization.

Moreover, the present relation of the Institutions brings the students of the College and Seminary together with the same frequency, and under the same circumstances, as though they were *all* collegians. They enter the same door, and crowd their way through the same halls. There is no change in external arrangement, corresponding with their professed change of character and consecration to God in the gospel; no visible transition, to strengthen by the power of association the sense of obligation arising from their holy calling in Christ Jesus. The connection is so intimate, as that it cannot fail at least to betray the usual tendency of all communications, to impart respectively their own character, either to "raise a mortal to the skies, or draw an angel down," and, under the unequal circumstances of the parties in view, it is no more than the dictate of prudence, to take heed lest the point of meeting of the "mortals" and "angels" in question should settle even more than half way down.

The continuance of the connection may be dispensed with, even with the present corps of Professors, while the scale of studies continues what it is, as may be shown by examining the distribution of duties, and as the President himself acknowledges.

The connection is annoying and somewhat humiliating to the Theological Professors, besides being onerous and unjust under present arrangements. Two of them both teach and preach in the College, while the Biblical Professor does neither. Both Professors and students earnestly desire the separation.

It is also worth inquiring, how far the connection indirectly and undesignedly affects the College injuriously. Our theological students come from various colleges, most or all of older date, or more fully attended, or more numerous, or more officered, or enjoying some outward advantage beyond our own. Numbers, appearances and associations enter largely into the influences which mould the judgments, control the purposes, and determine the actions of men. Comparisons are instituted to our disadvantage, founded mainly on mere externals of trifling value. The news of our nakedness, if any there be, is carried forth; and of rumor here, as in all other cases, it may be said, *crescit eundo*. Erroneous, unfavorable and unwarranted impressions get abroad, and our own students, naturally affected by these combined influences, are led, if not positively to disparage their Alma Mater, at least to undervalue the advantages she affords. The *tendency*, morally, is a debasing one, working ingratitude for privileges, and substituting admiration or selfish gratification for principled affection. The case is allied in character to that of a child who should cleave to a parent

because won by grace of form, elasticity of step and bloom of beauty—by queen-like air and queenly dominion—but who does not feel his heart enlisted and knit to her by the omnipotent, undying endearment of *relation*, nor kindle at the thought, It is my mother; who should forbear amid decay and want, to put forth, according to exigencies, mightier efforts, and to lavish more profuse ministrations, and who, under the influence of love, desists from kind offices only with parting breath. They speak in accordance with faltering feelings, in but faltering tones, and fail to commend her with that truthful, hearty earnestness, which is the secret of persuasion. *The alumni of a college are her recruiting officers.* The history of the last few years shows how extensive, varied and mighty are the efforts made to awaken and profit by this kind of *esprit du corps*. We also must guard it, and fan its expiring coals into a flame. If we do not, in part at least, rise by its aid, we must expect to be crippled by its operation in other quarters, if not eventually to fall before it. In the above way not only, but in others not necessary just now to trace, this source of influence has been largely impaired.

The suggestion that this influence exists and operates in a powerful degree may seem strange, but your committee were led to it by a piece of history elsewhere, where circumstances were similar. An unaccountable dry-rot seized the literary department of affiliated institutions, and it seemed ready to die. Inquiry was instituted in that direction, after the suspicion had arisen. It was traced in wide and remote directions, as a preventive influence, and the remedies applied on the presumption proved restorative. These blended operations are at war with vital principles, and, among others, forbid the privacy which inspires respect and keeps recipients in their place. No family, or church, or branch of business, can stand this house-top proclamation. Over the engine-room and ante-chamber of colleges and seminaries, as well as over every other arrangement of delicate and complicated machinery, and place of solemn and responsible counsel, should be written, *No Admittance*, save for those whose authority or ability to aid can be brought to bear in securing desirable results. It appears to be well nigh forgotten that stones and mortar do not constitute a college, any more than numbers; and not to be known, or, if known, not to be regarded, that the humblest structure ever used in America for a public literary institution, viz., the *Log College*, sent forth some of the most efficient men, in whose light the American Church has ever been permitted to rejoice—men who left the impress of their genius and piety on the age in which they lived, who shone while they lived like stars of the first magnitude, and who, when they fell,

— “fell like stars,  
Streaming splendor through the sky.”

Due progress anywhere depends *mainly* on the student himself, and it should be more generally considered by students, and pa-

rents too, that in after-life the question of the public will be, not *Whence came you?* but *What are you?* and that essentially opake bodies are the only ones that cannot shine save by the influence of reflected rays. Taking men, however, as they are, it is certain that the deleterious influence complained of exists, and requires at least some measure of counteracting arrangement.

The removal of the theological interests from the College would give opportunity for the Professors of the College to reside on the spot, especially if the students are in any considerable number to be brought together in a boarding establishment.

In connection with this subject, there is one point which your committee deem it proper to submit, with the hope that its importance will be fully weighed. When the College building was erected, Synod became entitled to certain privileges in it, and having no Board of Corporation, the Trustees of the College were the managers of our Professoral funds, and fell in debt to the Synod to the amount of six or seven thousand dollars. Being unable to liquidate it, the Trustees transferred the title of the property to Synod, reserving to themselves certain privileges. At a subsequent period the Synod, in the fulfillment of the letter at least of a plan for amending our operations—which however utterly failed—came under an obligation to the Board not to dispose of the property thus transferred, except for literary purposes, without the consent of the Trustees. By this arrangement the obligation to keep the premises in repair comes on the Synod. They have no more use of the building now than they originally had. The ownership of it is worth nothing, their hands being tied up by a legal construction, so that they cannot turn it to their own account. The legislation of the Synod has in its tendency been to render the relation of the Board and Synod less intimate. The present recommendation to separate the institutions, will, if adopted, reduce the relation to its original state, as the compact of 1825 found us, and it will relieve much perplexity if the Synod will restore the title to the Trustees.

Your committee, however, have not been able, through want of time and opportunity, to acquire such specific documentary information respecting the inception, progress and variations of these relations as would warrant them in recommending immediate action. It is evident that great complication exists—that the constructions given to them are widely variant, and that no definitive action can be hoped for until the Church has a clear view of *both her obligations and rights in the case*. The following resolution on the subject is submitted under a firm conviction of its absolute necessity in order to intelligent legislation respecting it, viz., That a committee of five be appointed to report to General Synod at their next session, whether extra or stated, a full statement of the relations of the Synod and the Board of Trustees, embracing the original compact, with all subsequent modifications in their documentary forms, together with such explanations of points referred to as shall render the whole intelligible on the face of it, and serve as a matter of reference and basis for

action in all future legislation that may be necessary on the part of Synod respecting it.

This step will simplify the relations and interests involved—will relieve occasion for the annual reports of the President and Superintendents of College—will take away the subject from the floor of Synod, as a standing topic for discussion and occasion for exhibiting diversity of views—the interests involved will thrive noiselessly—it will throw on the Trustees the discharge of their appropriate duties—will relieve the Synod from the temptation and risk of interference, and will exhibit the College before the public as it is, a College, and not as a mere graft on the Synod, having a life of its own—and while securing all these advantages, the Church will be free as ever to aid in every consistent way to secure the undeniable benefits involved in a judicious, vigorous and successful endeavor fully to endow and permanently to establish it.

3. *We need also a modification of the existing course of Study.*

Nearly one-half of the course is engrossed by the Languages and the other half by Mathematics. If instruction in the first stages of education be worthy of the name, by the time the student reaches the close of the Sophomore year he ought to be quite at home in the construction of the Languages, and he that has faithfully macadamized his way thus far, resolutely reducing every obstacle, has secured the elements of progress. He knows how to go; he has been put in possession of the tools, and has been taught how to use them; the embarrassment he may feel at promiscuous exploration of the fields of classic literature, will be no more than what necessarily arises from the peculiarities of what is to him a new path; just as an English reader's attainment consists in a mastery of the language itself, and not merely of the words used by a particular author. The Junior year may be pleasantly and profitably employed in introducing the student to the varieties of the style and subjects of leading classic writers, so that his taste and judgment may be called into action, and with its close there should be a close to anything more than review in that department of education.

While the Classics are mainly valuable as exercises, developing and invigorating the powers, and evolving and enlarging a *capacity* for attainment, something more is necessary, or education will sink into a mere training for elegant trifling. Gymnastics are a mere beating of the air; the energy they produce needs to be turned to account. The *materiel* of knowledge should be carefully brought within the reach of the student; his steps should be guided to the place of treasures; his energies need to be directed and aided in exploring the mines of knowledge, and bringing their contents to the surface; and the plan is imperfect still, if there be not appended to it an introduction to refining processes, and an acquaintance furnished with the means of embellishing and turning to the best account the attainments made. Our ability to apply principles is as necessary as their possession. Life is not an abstraction, and in our age and country it is not the amount of

capital a man has, so much as an ability to use it, that secures success and leads on to fortune.

There are other studies that may justly claim more attention. Our ability, for example, to *speak and write well* is valued by the masses more than all the Languages and Mathematics in the world, valuable though they are. We need to have the system of education popularized, and brought nearer home to the wants of actual business and life. We cannot lay claims to special superiority over powerful and popular institutions, in the instructions we give in the Classics, Mathematics, Moral Philosophy, or Political Economy; but with corrections on this point, and the addition of tact, perseverance and enterprise in bringing forward our College before the public eye, and resolving that none earnestly and honestly intent on an education shall be sent away for want of liberal consideration and fostering influences, we may cherish the assurance that we will not lose our reward. A Professorship of Rhetoric and Elocution, not, however, in the usual restricted sense of the department these words indicate, nor in the usual subordinate position of the incumbent, but assigned due prominence, and extending its instructions to the Seminary also, could not fail, if added to our present departments and competently filled, to add largely, and on a most important and desirable point, to our efficiency and popularity; and should the Board accede to the general plan here brought into view, not a doubt is felt that the salary necessary could be raised, at least for a few years, with proper efforts, by private subscriptions and congregational collections.

Your committee will be strangely misapprehended, if it be supposed that by the modifications suggested they propose in effect to abandon the College. They disclaim both the thought and wish. It is only reverting to the original form of our relations. The change proposed, it is hoped, will relieve the uneasiness and restlessness attendant on the existing form of the relation, and amounts only to summoning the Board of Trustees, claiming coördinate jurisdiction, to coördinate efforts. The endorsement of the Church continues—the heart of the Church, “earnestly remembering it still,” will be made to glow with new interest in, and exultation over it; and the whole field of the Church will be thrown open for the operations of the Board. All that has been said amounts only to the expression of a conviction produced by actual examination, not that the object so long cherished is unimportant, or that it has lost its attractiveness; but that other policies have become indispensably necessary to its full attainment.

Your committee is aware that the question is sometimes asked, whether it is for the interest of our Church that the College should be sustained? To this we reply, with unequivocal distinctness, *Yes, if it can be sustained, and if a wise, decisive policy, is forthwith adopted.* While we feel, as has been frankly stated, that some relief from present injurious bearings is required, a comparison of the number of theological students before and since its revival will show that the average number of our theological students has increased; that a large and encouraging proportion are graduates

of Rutgers; and that from instructions in our own College there has resulted a realization of the pious hope, "that those who enter into other callings, as well as those who preach the gospel, will go forth into active life with no aversion or coolness to the Church of their fathers, but rather with warm zeal in its behalf to be its members, supporters or officers;" (App. to Min. 1825, p. 5.) It fosters a home feeling, and to them may be applied emphatically what has been beautifully said respecting baptized children, properly trained in view of the habits of feeling and forms of thought engendered. They are the hope of the Church; they drink at the fountain of a Church life. "They come to maturity with Church principles inbred. The mantle of the fathers falls on them; and as those fathers pass away, the sons with hardly a sense of the transition receive the ark of the covenant upon their shoulders, and bear it down to another generation." The moral influence it exerts also entitles it to preservation, for it brings us together, is a centre of interest, a subject of counsel, a visible memorial of our ecclesiastical existence, a something to look at, pray over, and think and care about, and brings into play a class of affections that would otherwise be but feebly stirred. The consideration that supplies for our Seminary, and eventually for our churches, may be procured from other institutions would be pertinent, if the question in hand respected the founding now, first, of a College at New Brunswick; but it is conceived to have no weight in the present case, where the true issue is not, shall we *now institute* what is not? but, shall we *abandon* what is already founded and has long been in existence, and has large capabilities left? He that does not "build" may forbear, because of prudential considerations; but he that "begins to build and does not finish," becomes the subject of taunt. The original object for whose furtherance it was instituted, remains in all its sublime character and commanding importance, viz., the provision of a duly furnished evangelical ministry, and it will continue to have claims upon us till the last of God's elect be gathered in. Although it be *our* College, is it therefore not *a* College? If it was in *other hands*, would we not feel and pray for it, and if because it is measurably under denominational control, is it on *that account* to be dismantled? Apply the same rule to others, and how many colleges of the land would be saved from becoming a "prey to doleful creatures?" When it is a matter for humiliation and alarm, that the number of candidates for the ministry is diminishing—when the "last conflict of great principles" is fully begun—when the tide of an ignorant, unassimilated population comes rolling in, and swells and spreads on every side—is *this* a time to stay effort, and take counsel from our indolence, our parsimony, or our fears? Having gone *so far*, what is lacking should be supplied without reluctance of spirit, or stint in measure, or an hour's delay. With the opportunities afforded, and the means already in our hands, we might, as well as surrender it, desert a ship, in time of famine, manned, victualled, freighted, carried through many a danger, just as there remains only a single strait between us and the open sea, and prosperity is about to be com-

manded. The institution of colleges is the settled policy of the churches of this country, and even Jesuit sagacity and success may teach us a lesson. Offer Rutgers College for sale to-morrow, and you will find bidders. Antichrist would wring well nigh any amount we might have the face to demand, by pennyworths, from the hard hands of her poverty-stricken dupes, in order to pay us our price—would exult out of those windows, and from that height of our citadel, in the very heart of our denomination, to look down upon a craven, ignoble race, debased as Egyptians crawling around the base of their pyramids. The evil would not stop with tauntings at our disgrace, for our utter lack of the manliness of true piety, but, gaining possession of our position and instrumentalities, she would send paralysis through all that yet might remain to us, by means of these agencies of our own creation! The same feeling that would surrender those interests now, would surrender more, would surrender all in succession, and there is no assignable point at which we would cease to succumb, till Ichabod would be written on all our glory, and our name would become “Lo-Ammi.” Wo! wo! to the Dutch Church when the doors of her College are closed, under anything but an imperative obvious necessity, “seen and read of all men;” until after prayer and liberality, union and zeal shall have done their utmost; until all resources are exhausted, and hope expires; and if the hour of sacrifice must come, we will be guiltless only if, after we shall have done all we could, it finds us like Zion of old with “tears on our cheek” because of feasts deserted and gates made desolate, and with affections still kindling even amid dust and ruin. It is true we have toiled long with small success, but there is a right side of the ship where the net may yet be cast. *Cæsarem vehis! Cæsarem vehis!* cried the usurper, to infuse new vigor in his fainting rower. A greater than Cæsar is here. The Great Pilot has not fallen overboard, nor has he gone down to the side of the ship to sleep, not caring for us. Do you hear that promise, “Lo, I am with you?” Let us heed it, and have faith in God.

To this somewhat detailed sketch of the views of your committee, they append the following resolutions in a comprehensive form:

1. That Synod stands ready to re-transfer the title of the College premises to the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, on condition of their repayment of the sum in full which was the consideration of its transfer to them, provided it shall appear in the light of the investigation proposed, that it can be done consistently and safely, i. e., that the claims of the Synod to the accommodation to which they are now entitled be not impaired, and that no sale or use shall be made of the premises, either of the College ground or of the buildings erected by the Trustees on them or to be erected, to the annoyance or inconvenience of Synod, nor without their previously obtained consent.

2. That in view of the unseemly appearance of the College grounds, and the actual damage the building is sustaining, it be re-

commended to the General Synod to put them all in a state of suitable substantial repair.

3. That Synod be requested to take measures for the increase of the philosophical apparatus and library, especially the former, immediately.

4. That it is deemed to be highly expedient, that the connection at present subsisting between the literary college and the theological seminary be dissolved as soon as practicable; and, whatever be the form of our relations, that the exercises of the two institutions be held in distinct buildings.

5. That it be urged upon both the Professors of the College and Seminary to bring the institutions of the Church by all suitable means prominently before the public.

II. The second grand topic to which the attention of your committee has been directed is,

### **The Missions of the Church.**

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions will furnish the most recent account of the condition and prospects of the different stations. Respecting the plan of conducting them, and as a means of awakening new interest and securing additional efficiency on the part of our churches, your committee recommend the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That in view of the present amount of contributions to the cause and the present number of our missionaries abroad, the existing arrangements between our Church and the A. B. C. F. M. is the best method of carrying on our operations, inasmuch as any attempt to manage our Foreign Missions independently, would necessarily bring upon us great additional expense, and would expose us at home and our missionaries abroad to constant embarrassments. And that, in view of the difficulty of bringing the cause before our several churches, it be considered whether an occasional arrangement might not be made, by which an agent or agents of the American Board should have access to our pulpits under the sanction of our consistories.

On the subject of Domestic Missions, there is necessity for more extended remark. While among the unevangelized nations of the earth the barriers which for ages have prevented even access are melting away, and the missionary may “go up anywhere at the breach before him,” the civilized world is in a heat and ferment, where a blow impresses form and a touch secures adjustment; and our own country, well nigh the only quiet-resting place on earth, is increasing so rapidly in numbers, and largely through accessions of foreign material, that there is danger lest the mass should get fatally far in advance of the power of assimilation to gospel truth and social order. We live in a fullness of time—a crisis of the world’s history—such as would justify, in view of the importance of



action, right action, the statesman's wish, "I would give a whole life to be Prime Minister one fortnight." A wise observer has said, "It is the order of Providence to supply the Church with seasons of grace and usefulness, and to withdraw them in anger if neglected." If the Church only appreciated "her day," we would have *men* enough of the right temper, and *means* enough of the right character. An earnest, outgoing, self-sacrificing piety is what the times require. There must be occasions and objects to call forth appropriate feelings and acts, as well as abstract inculcation of duty. Without them the Church is self-consuming, and, to borrow an image from natural philosophy, "light and life go out in a cold vacuum;" and while our churches have always responded generously and promptly to appeals of worthy character, when duly made, your committee cannot forbear respectfully, but earnestly, setting it forth as the duty of the Synod, a collective band of watchmen, to point out from their high place the opportunities for well-doing that are presented, and to summon Israel to their tents.

For some startling facts respecting our Domestic Missions, reference is made to the Report of 1847. The whole history can be briefly told. The Church in this, as in every other department, has exhibited a ready mind, but has not received in proportion to her expenditures, and has suffered for lack of comprehensive, duly adjusted plans. We have neglected early to seek out proper stations; when they have been presented, we have been slow to occupy them; and when we have attempted occupation, we have failed in decision of purpose and vigorous prosecution. At the far West our stations have been all exclusively inland, remote and widely separated. We have sent so few, that, compared with the mass to be acted upon, instead of an influence to mould, we have scarcely done enough to tincture, and in the language of one of our missionaries, "we might as well expect to penetrate and subdue a western forest with a pen-knife." In the few cases where we have attempted establishment at central prominent points, our action has betrayed irresolution, our plans have been injudicious, and waste and discouragement, and in one case abandonment, have resulted. We have entrusted the work to the mere cadets of the profession, and have thrust into that difficult field our young men without experience, to whom life is an untrodden waste, without a stock of preparations, on scanty resources of living, and without matured constitutions, and we have expected them to do the work of veterans, while the veterans have remained where all is set in order and "have tarried by the stuff." We have not sent forth even a *proportion* of brethren of tried qualifications and mature age, that, additional to their personal ministry of the word, they might supervise, direct and encourage our junior brethren. Too much has been left to "time and chance." Through the smallness of our numbers, we have not been able to consult to a degree that is desirable, and which experience in this department shows to have become necessary, the mutual adaptation of ministers and sta-

tions. The Church has also been impatient of success, and is necessarily largely ignorant of pioneer service, and has failed to appreciate the hardships of the faithful domestic missionary as compared with the foreign service. Our enterprises have been instituted too much on hearsay, and not after personal responsible inspection. We have, to our injudicious policy in selecting stations, also added the mistake of sometimes continuing appropriations after the hopelessness of an undertaking has become manifest.

The Board from time to time have asked and obtained from Synod an extension of privilege, until Synod gave them plenary permission additional to specific powers granted, "to take all proper and necessary measures to further the cause of Missions." Still nothing has been done, and it will be well if it shall appear that we have acquired by our delay and expenditure at least a willingness to improve by experience. In view of the whole history of the case, the conviction is resistless, that our organization on this subject is injudicious and defective, and that our mode of conducting it promises nothing compared with the value of interests involved. An empty, overdrawn treasury may be pleaded as an insuperable difficulty; but that it is empty is to be referred to the fact that the Church has not at the present, and for a long time past has not had, an object sufficiently definite, stirring and important placed before it, and such as might be expected to awaken lively sympathy and generous benevolence. The sympathies of the Church are chilled. The sense of obligation, at best below the standard, is feeble and declining, and the cause languishes amid abounding evidences, furnished in the contributions made to other objects, in the increase of personal comforts, and the multiplication of gorgeous church edifices, that there are means in existence even to repletion.

In reference to action nearer home, your committee think that our expenditures have been too much centralized, and that too large a proportion of our means has been spent in and immediately around the city of New York. It may justly be claimed, that the greater shall contribute to the less; and as Church movements contemplate both the supply of destitution and denominational extension, a distributive policy is evidently the wise one. Whether the far West or western and northern New York be the more eligible field, it is not the province of your committee to determine; but they feel certain that the secret of success is to enter where doors of opportunity are opened, without a reference to geographical lines. That such are now open and are multiplying beyond and among our churches of the Northern Synod, it is our pleasant privilege to announce, and all that seems to be necessary is, that we "go up and possess." As respects operations *west of Buffalo*, the experience of our Church is discouraging. Plans submitted vary widely. A large distance intervenes between the body of our Church and them, and our work does not admit of the advantages of the close inspection, the mutual sympathy, and the ready help that would attend us if the form of endeavors after extension

was simply pushing our frontier. It is worthy of consideration, whether we could not more certainly, economically and speedily attain our end by planting a scion from our Church at the West; forming, in other words, an organization there, in a form and size that will make our Church plainly seen and beneficially felt. Let an institution of high order for classical and theological instruction, under our *patronage* as long as necessary, and at first under our *control* also, be established. Let at least two men be commissioned to conduct the theological department, and let there be, if necessary, a requisition that one year, the closing one of the course, be spent at New Brunswick. This will give a centre of operation there, and will create an interest. The Church will be represented not by young men only, but by men of matured years and already established character. Instead of inquiries about us, we "will be seen and read" in our doctrines and usages, and a foundation will thus be laid for the extension of our principles of truth and order. The conception has long occupied several leading minds, and is here set forth for the solemn, deliberate consideration of Synod at this crisis of our operations. The adoption of this policy will not, however, relieve the Church from the necessity of the service of an itinerant missionary, for the purposes specified in the 5th resolution of the Committee of Missions of 1847. The Board of Missions, although authorized to do so, did not make an appointment, but proposed to avail themselves of the information furnished by a couple of brethren, who had made a tour of general exploration, previous to full and decisive action. The near approach of the meeting of Synod has led to a suspension of action. In the light of what they have to submit, together with other sources of information, it will be important that Synod take measures to institute a definite policy and vigorously prosecute it.

In connection with this subject, Synod referred to your committee, for their consideration, the 11th resolution accompanying the Missionary Report of last year, viz., "The expediency of committing this important department to the undivided care of some well-qualified individual, for the purpose of supervising stations and missionaries, collecting and diffusing information respecting it, inculcating its principles, and illustrating and enforcing its claims, and keeping in operation, by diversified means, desirable influences in its behalf." Before submitting specific resolutions, they beg leave to offer some remarks on this, one of the main features of what they propose as an amended and improved policy. What is deemed necessary, is, in the usual and largest sense of the word, a Corresponding Secretary—one to take the undivided care of this branch of the interests of the Church, and to give himself wholly to it. To the application of the principle to the general affairs of the Church, that in a well-regulated system every member has not the same office, the Synod set its seal emphatically in 1832, when, after a triumphant experiment, they immediately on the resignation of the first incumbent appointed a successor, and after him another still. The great principle on which your committee base this earnest re-

commendation of a secretaryship, is the broad and undeniable one, that the division of labor is the secret of its perfection and amount. Hitherto, our Missionary Board has been in a great degree little more than a committee of help to feeble churches, and your Secretaries, burdened with the details in every case of heavy parochial charges, have done little more in effect than discharge the duties of clerks; onerous it is true in themselves, and embarrassing because of the disadvantages under which they were compelled to labor. If work is to be done, there are needed a head, an eye, an ear, and an executing hand; and how the latter can be profitably directed without the former, need scarcely be asked. A Board whose members are numerous, and who belong also to several other Boards claiming attention, and of whom not one-half—generally, not more than one-third—attend to the duty at all, cannot feel due responsibility, nor can the few who meet once a month, who have never seen the field of operation, nor conversed with the men, nor know the men they appoint, form a correct judgment or give judicious direction to operations, nor make a profitable maximum disposal of sacred benevolent funds.

A moment's reflection will show the relation and importance of this as a central subject, which, as it advances, will produce motion elsewhere and draw others in its train. Create a demand for men, and you rouse, by the appeal thus made, the consciences of many now occupied at some receipt of customs, and thus you will multiply students. The increase of their company will swell the catalogue of your College and Seminary, and, with increasing numbers and means, comes new life and improved facilities for instruction. With increasing applications for help, occasions are furnished for appeals to churches on this most tender and most readily responded to subject of Christian obligation. The inspiration of success once felt, the plea for continued and enlarged contribution will be resistless; and the sacred, like natural, fire will feed itself. Then comes the blessed reaction on the Church herself, and the double advantage of enemies quailing and Zion putting on increasing strength. If the cause of Missions move on through the influence of light and love, *all moves*—"prayer lifts its voice, liberality brings its offerings," local effort is inspired, and decrepit churches grow lovely through the beauty of the Lord upon them. Life courses with new impulses, and instead of a half dead condition and expostulating response, How can I! "we break through a troop, we leap over a wall." And yet we have left this department, in despite of principles and our own experience, and the examples around us, without special supervision or active, urgent enforcement. If the Bible or Tract Societies were to leave their mighty interests to the surplus time, or zeal, or thoughts of the Church, how soon would cobwebs festoon their presses, and their thousands of contributions be reduced to hundreds! It can be shown by figures, that the leakage, waste and unavoidable misapplication of means under the present system, would amount well nigh to the salary necessary for a Secretary.

As to the character of the service proposed, it is difficult to define details in advance. It may be stated to consist, in general, in taking due means to foster the spirit of Missions and Church extension. It is not directly and exclusively to collect money, but to rouse, and open, and stir the heart of the Church, so that money will come of course; to give himself to the work of illustrating and enforcing obligation, communicating intelligence, suggesting policies, directing and superintending movements, shaping financial policies, watching the operation of existing plans, and keeping the Board duly advised; visiting the churches and preaching, as his specific Sabbath duty, on it and allied subjects; exhibiting the cause in its moral grandeur, imperative claims and countless blessings, and laboring to rouse the Church to some due conception of this part of her high calling; and, while not responsible for the collection of funds, yet to interweave it as far as possible and expedient with his Sabbath service and weekly journeyings. *It should be distinctly understood, that the office contemplated will in the view of your committee lose its value, if encumbered with the duties and responsibilities of any other department than that of Missions.* The correspondence of the department being entrusted to him, the existing secretaryships will be superseded, and, during the necessary absence of the incumbent, the duty of receiving communications, and for the time being disposing of them, should devolve on the Recording Secretary of the Board.

It is obvious that the office involves high qualifications and arduous service. No man who duly appreciates it will covet it. The countenance, sympathy, prayers, candid judgment and helpful good-will of the Church are indispensable to encourage any one to undertake it, and under the divine blessing to secure success. There is not an office in the gift of the Synod of weightier responsibility, nor an officer who has higher claims to their liberality, candor, and cordial coöperation. It will require some time for whoever is to receive the honor, or incur the responsibility of the station, to look over the field, to fix on points and adjust himself to his work, to observe the bearings of his plans and make due corrections, and the Church may expect in this appointment to feel the force of the maxim of a great statesman, "That one half of the secret of success in public policies depends on the judicious selection of the agents who are to carry them out." But with the requisites named, a cheerful confidence is cherished that the result of two years' patient, faithful trial will commend and endear the plan to the churches, and that it will become eventually a permanent feature in the administration of our affairs. On Synod will devolve the duty of furnishing a substitute, if this be rejected, for our interests are mouldering under existing plans. Most other churches, and the great benevolent operations of our land, have been shut up by a sort of necessity to a similar mode of communication with the public mind. Our people will give, as they ought to give, and if we will not organize and sustain plans, and open channels for them, others will, and will reap the fruits of their Christian bounty.

It is the prevailing and successful method, and to expect even to retain our own, much less to make advance, without it or an equivalent, is to expect that a vessel without suitable propelling apparatus, and with only an occasional touch of her helm, will maintain her place in a fleet, such as the churches are, duly furnished, well-manned and skillfully commanded, and which, by the rate of its motion, is making the deep to be hoary—it is to leave ourselves to be drawn along ingloriously at a certain rate with a tumbling motion, and after a certain fashion, by the mere power of suction, in the wake and by the mere impulse arising from the motion of the rest.

The following resolutions are respectfully submitted :—

1. That it be recommended to General Synod to appoint an itinerant minister to take charge of the operations of the Board west of Buffalo, for the general purposes stated in the 5th resolution of the Committee of Missions in 1847.

2. That it be also recommended to General Synod to appoint some suitable individual to perform the duties stated in the 11th resolution of the aforesaid report, and in accordance with the considerations set forth in the preceding remarks.

3. That it is believed that far greater efficiency would be given to missionary efforts by such an organization of our Board as shall render its operation less cumbersome, and its responsibilities more definite. The change proposed is as follows :—

(1.) That the Board of Missions consist of 24 members, of whom one-half shall reside in the cities of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, the residue to be appointed from other parts of the Church. That one-third of the number shall be elected annually by General Synod. That the Board shall meet on the second Tuesday after the adjournment of General Synod, on the first Tuesday after the meeting of the Executive Committee in November, and on the Tuesday after the meeting of said Committee in April. That at those meetings of the Board all the transactions of the Executive Committee shall be reviewed and passed upon. That at each meeting the Treasurer shall make a report of the state of the funds, and that each of these meetings shall be held at 11 o'clock A. M., and not as heretofore in the evening, so as to leave ample time for full deliberate action.

(2.) That said Board shall annually elect an Executive Committee, consisting of nine members, to manage the Missionary and Church extension concerns, of which the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members. That of the remaining seven, three shall be laymen and four ministers. That five members of said committee form a quorum for the transaction of business, and that they meet monthly.

(3.) That for the purposes of Church extension there be a separate fund kept by the Treasurer of the Board, whose interest shall only be thus applied, and that the sum of at least ten thousand dollars is indispensable as the germ of the policy.

(4.) All other enactments touching the powers, and other matters that relate to the constitution of the Board, to remain in full force.

4. That, whereas the work of the Board is now confined to the duty of supplying destitute and other settlements, with a view to planting churches in them, and of aiding to sustain feeble churches already organized, your committee deem that the sphere of their labor should be enlarged, so as to comprehend all that comes fairly within the scope of the general subject. A comfortable house of worship being necessary as a centre of attraction, interest and influence, with a view to the permanent establishment of gospel ordinances, it is recommended that authority to act on this subject be added to their existing powers, under the distinct and imperative injunction, *first*, that its exercise be restricted to cases of urgency; *secondly*, where due economy and modesty shall have marked the original plan of structure and rate of expenditure; *thirdly*, where the congregation so relieved pledge themselves contemporaneously to finish the building and leave no debt; and, *fourthly*, where there be legal obligation entered into that the sum thus contributed shall be returned to the Reformed Dutch Church in case of failure of the enterprise, or the alienation of the property from sacred or our own denominational use.

5. That the Board devise and endeavor to establish generally an efficient financial system, by means of Cent Societies among the masses, subscriptions for a term of years among the more wealthy, and stated collections in the churches, so that the widow's and orphan's mite, as well as the abundance of the rich, may not fail to find its way to the Lord's treasury; that burdens may be equalized, attention to those interests roused and kept up, regularity and increase of contribution secured, and that the action of the Board may be more confident, because calculation on means will thus be rendered more reliable, and that, in a word, the mighty advantages of general and systematic contributions may be secured.

6. That it be recommended to the students of our Seminary to study the claims of destitute parts of our own country, as well as of the world at large; to consider the question of personal duty in regard to them, to acquire due conceptions of the amount and forms of labor requisite in given fields; to spend a portion of their vacations in colporteur labors; and, while cherishing a sturdy spirit of endurance, that they cultivate those habits of study and modes of address which will facilitate their entrance and labors among them.

### III. Education and Beneficiary System.

It would be well for the Church to bear in mind, that, ennobling as is the consecration of our gain to the service of Christ in this form, it may, without great caution, become detrimental in its operation. To encourage men to enter the ministry, who must needs struggle hard to obtain preparation for it, is one thing. Nothing more tries their spirit, or brightens their graces, or enti-

ties them to our admiration or regard, or illustrates more impressively the genius of Christianity—"the power of Christ that rests upon them." But the existence of funds somewhat lavishly dispensed, ready admission to their benefit, and the prospect of speedy and easy access to station by means of them, it will be readily perceived, are well calculated to interfere with the very delicate subject of motives for "desiring the office of a bishop." Opportunity the Church is bound to furnish. The choice of the service should be the result of pure spontaneity; entrance on it, an act of the loftiest, holiest consecration; and extreme caution is necessary lest what is a matter of solemn duty on the part of the Church, should become perverted into a temptation or unwarrantable inducement to her sons, and defeat their own end. The safety of a Church demands that a system of gratuitous education should sustain, and be kept in, the relation and proportion of an adjunct. No amount of contribution can warrantably be viewed as superseding the obligation of Christian parents to dedicate their children to God in the ministry, or as warranting youth of piety and means to consider themselves exempt from an obligation thus to glorify God. No amount of facilities, thus provided for others, should for a moment be allowed to come before the mind in considering the question of personal duty; nor should the lack of these facilities by God's poor be permitted to deduct in the least from strength of purpose, ardor of desire, or the exercise of resolute self-denial and self-sacrifice, in order to obedience to "the heavenly vision." We speak on undeniable general principles, and in view of mournful facts, when we assert that a system susceptible of the highest usefulness may overlay and smother what it was designed to cherish. Nor are we alone in this estimate of the momentous importance of duly guarding the operation of this branch of Christian benevolence. The records of a sister Church, distinguished for judicious policies and high success, no longer than last year passed a resolution that the Presbyteries be enjoined to use unceasing vigilance in the examination of candidates; to retain strict pastoral supervision over them throughout their entire preparatory course; and that the Board of Education be enjoined to continue the plan of personal visitation and correspondence, and to use their best endeavors to promote a high standard of ministerial qualification. Your committee conceive that the statistics of this department show that its results call for gratitude and caution combined. The first dispensation on this subject among us began in 1814. The whole amount is \$73,135 29. Fifty persons received aid from the *Van Benschoten and Knox Funds*, from 1822 to February, 1848, amounting to \$23,338 75. From the organization of the *Synod's Board of Education* in 1828, till they finished or left, there were one hundred and twenty-eight persons who received, in the aggregate, \$37,155.45. There are at present on *this fund*, in College and Seminary, nineteen persons, who have received \$4,719 25; and in the Seminary alone, nine, who have received from the *Van Benschoten and Knox Funds* \$4,528. In the statistics presented,



we do not vouch for literal accuracy; but the approximation is very close—sufficiently so for all practical purposes.

The whole number aided, since the system went into operation, amounts to somewhere about one hundred and eighty. Of these, there are now pastors, as nearly as can be ascertained, sixty. Dead since entering on the pastoral office, nine, who had received \$2,618 50. Two are exerting themselves in honorable usefulness in literary institutions. Three out of service are awaiting opportunities. Five out of service, or doing nothing, received \$1,525 29. Seven became foreign missionaries, and of these, three have fallen asleep. Withdrawn on account of ill health, three, who had received \$1,320. Died in the Seminary or College, four. Left our Church without refunding, eight, who had received \$2,880. Now pursuing their studies, twenty-seven.

The most painful items remain.

There were twenty-four who either were sent off, or withdrew to law and other occupations, or married and abandoned the service; and fifteen, respecting whom your committee can get no trace, who appear to have had hands suddenly laid upon them, and as suddenly to have withdrawn, impatient of the discipline of even incipient preparation. These two classes, amounting to thirty-nine persons—a fifth of all—have absorbed, in the aggregate, \$8,233, or a ninth part of the whole sum expended.

Of the whole amount dispensed, after considerable effort, and mostly on a compromise, not more than \$3,300 have been refunded in all. If those who have left the Church were to refund, we would have sufficient to educate four more. There are at least \$5,000 which, it is estimated, ought to be refunded promptly, because coming fully and fairly within the provisions of the obligations given to that effect. Inferences are obvious.

1. The heaviest expenditure for individuals, and the most frequent failure and dashing of our hopes, have occurred at the more advanced stage of our operations. In other words, we have learned nothing by time and experience.

2. The Lord has been very gracious to us, however imprudent we have been; only four of all this number having died during this lapse of years, and three withdrawn by His act.

3. While the absolute average of the cost of each individual exceeds appropriations elsewhere, our failures are far more numerous in proportion, so far as can be ascertained.

4. The proportion of those who turn away from worldly pursuits voluntarily, and who enlist with their own means in the service of the gospel, is decreasing among us.

5. It is undeniable that very many who have actually become incumbents, did not know their own minds on the subject of the ministry, and others as well as their friends have mistaken their very piety.

6. It is also evident, that for these deplorable results the Church herself is mainly responsible. Our careful lifting of men over every obstacle, and ready admission, has a debilitating, if not a

corrupting influence. The system is wrong. Adequate views of the ministry cannot be formed by many yet unfledged youth, whom we have thus hastily adopted; and the Church should labor to prevent rushing with lightness where angels might well tremble to tread. As stewards of benevolent funds, we owe it also to those we represent, to carry out their views, with an eye to the strictest economy and highest usefulness; and above all, if there be a failure in faithfulness here, we cannot avoid receiving in ourselves the meet recompense of our error. It is desirable, also, that the character of the too prevalent association with the name of beneficiary, both in their own minds and the minds of others, be changed—that the feelings of our young brethren be relieved—that the fact of selection and adoption by the Church be considered an honorable privilege—that the distinction between rich and poor be thrust out of doors, where all are brethren, and are together disciples of a Saviour who had not where to lay his head—who was laid in another man's sepulchre, and commended, in dying, a destitute mother to the care of a destitute yet beloved disciple. It is eminently desirable that this expression of benevolence and duty on the part of the Church should be converted into a basis for gratitude, an incentive to exertion, and, if possible, a pledge of high character and attainments. There should also be an immediate arrest of the accumulation of bonds given by beneficiaries, because of the embarrassments arising from the present system. Their amount, in most cases, is more than the Church ought to lose. The indefinite character of the condition of the bonds is by no means favorable to a distinct and constraining sense of obligation. The consciousness that they are unliquidated is painful to a generous mind, and attempts to secure repayment have, well nigh uniformly, been attended with undesirable results. It is evident that the venerable donor of our first fund contemplated repayment, where it was practicable, *in some degree* at least; and it is equally evident, as a *matter of morals*, that those who have been themselves specially aided, should, in some form, make a return of special aid; and as evident as either, that it is desirable that funds of this character should be, as far as possible, *self-perpetuating*. Some few have honorably refunded the entire principal they received. Our late lamented brother David Abeel, with characteristic promptness, and under the promptings of a nice sense of justice, stands alone, in not only repaying the principal, but five per-cent. interest upon it. In other cases, compromises at a large deduction have been made. And it is doubtless true that, in many instances, the scanty income of brethren renders it impossible for them to spare anything in liquidation of a claim which weighs heavily upon their minds.

Your committee conceive that Synod has a very easy remedy for relief from the evils, and the attainment of the ends here brought into view; and they recommend—

1. That in the selection of beneficiaries, the resolutions of 1846, p. 72, be rigidly regarded. The place to guard with most effect is *at the door of entrance*. While our Professors and officers are

bound to exercise moral courage in fully and faithfully reporting evidences of delinquency, the collisions that grow out of faithful discipline always react unfavorably on an institution, within a given circle at least. The standard of character of young men proposing the ministry becomes lowered in public estimation, if rebuke or incentive be necessary; and the result of being turned back or turned off, on the young man himself, often amounts to a stigma for life. Your committee would add to the general injunction of caution, two positive rules:—

*First.* That hereafter no one be eligible, as a subject of recommendation for aid, who shall not have been a member of the Church at least one year previous to such recommendation, and who shall not, during that time, have given satisfactory evidence of consistent and growing piety; and,

*Secondly.* That all who become beneficiaries shall be considered, during the first six months of their entrance on study, as probationers, liable at any time to be discharged for remissness in diligence, or such traits of character and capacity as render it inexpedient, in the combined judgment of his instructors and the Board, that he should be suffered to proceed.

2. That instead of furnishing the beneficiary with funds, and giving him the disposal of them and of himself, the following plan is recommended:—

(1.) That a suitable building be provided at New Brunswick, within which all the requisites for comfortable board and lodging shall be furnished during the sessions of study; and that the Board of Education make such arrangements with the College and its Elementary School, as will secure the tuition of any young man recommended by them, free of expense to himself.

(2.) That every young man duly received as a beneficiary shall be admitted as an inmate of the boarding-house, and as a student in the literary and theological institution, free of charge; and that, besides this, *no assistance* shall be granted by the Board to any applicant.

(3.) These regulations shall extend over *all young men* receiving aid, *from the time of their being received* as beneficiaries, until the close of their theological course.

(4.) That it is desirable that *all young men* engaged in study preparatory for the ministry, should be inmates of the above described boarding-house, whether beneficiaries or not; and that they be allowed the privileges of the establishment on paying the average rate of board.

(5.) That such building should be under the supervision of the Theological Faculty; and, if practicable, that one of the Professors, or some other responsible person, reside under the roof, and be considered its head.

(6.) That Synod institute a close inspection into the conduct, habits of study, expenses, and general deportment of the beneficiaries—as constant and strict as a wakeful and judicious parent would maintain over his child; and that if any are cherishing the

spirit of insubordination in the College in any way, or are connected with secret societies, which the Professors believe foment any such insubordination, these be at once dismissed, unless they promptly break off the forbidden associations, and return fully and quietly to duty.

(7.) In case the establishment of this system as a whole should not be deemed advisable, that the existing practice should at least be so far changed as that no money be paid into the hands of the beneficiaries, but that some duly authorized person pay the bills for tuition, board, washing, fuel and lights, necessarily contracted, at approved places and approved rates.

The advantages of this plan are thought to be these:—

*First.* Economy. At present, each young man, however inexperienced, is entrusted with the pecuniary allowance granted him. According to the ordinary rates of boarding in private families, the sum fixed by the deliberate judgment of the Board is acknowledged to be insufficient for the payment of all the charges incident to his situation, and he is still left dependent largely upon other sources. It is believed, on good grounds, that were the students collected as one family, their aggregate expenses would be much less, and thus the student be saved from embarrassment to the amount that the allowance under the present system falls short of securing the comforts just enumerated, and the funds of the Board would go much farther. Besides, the expenses would be brought by the Board under the eye of the Church, and thus the best security be given that the moneys entrusted to them will be judiciously expended, and directly applied to the uses contemplated and no other. Temptations to injudicious expenditure on the part of the student would be taken away, and the tendency of the arrangement would be directly to retrenchment.

*Secondly.* Intellectual and religious improvement of the students, and the promotion of a spirit of brotherly kindness. The lines which appear with more or less distinctness on the present plan would disappear. Instead of being scattered among grammar-schools of an inferior character in many cases, the young men, from the beginning of their studies, would be placed under competent teachers, selected by the Board. The younger, those in the Academy and those in the College, would become intimately acquainted with the older, in the Theological School. Religious exercises, such as daily morning and evening worship, prayer-meetings and conferences, would be regularly maintained, together with such social exercises for mutual improvement as might be deemed advisable. The hours of study and recreation might be regulated and maintained, thus instilling principles of order and cultivating good habits. The Professors would have ready access to their pupils, for the purpose of superintending their general conduct, assisting them with counsel, and presiding, when expedient, at their meetings.

*Thirdly.* A third desirable result would be the influence thus exerted on the Church. The spectacle of a well-ordered family, composed of young men under the government of their official

guardians, where no excess, unsuitable companionship, irregularity, or misconduct of any kind is tolerated, while every mean is used for the cultivation of their minds and hearts, thus showing at a glance the good uses to which their donations are applied, can scarcely fail to awaken a lively interest among all who love our Church, and to call forth more liberal gifts.

3. That an affectionate, faithful appeal be made to all who have heretofore given refunding bonds, to discharge them to the extent of their ability; and let the condition of all future bonds be changed to the following:—

(1.) Let the obligation to repay in full be absolute, and enforcement prompt and certain, in case,

*First.* Of wilful abandonment of study; or

*Second.* Immoral and exceptionable demeanor, such as renders dismission necessary.

*Third.* In case of leaving the Church, the obligation to repay in full to be prima facie absolute, yet with discretionary power allowed the Board to abate the claim to not less than one-half, according to circumstances.

(2.) But in regard to those who complete their course and remain with us, your committee recommend that every beneficiary be required to place himself at the disposal of the Board of Domestic Missions for two years, except when accepted as a foreign missionary, or when some extraordinary circumstances justify the Board in releasing him from the obligation altogether; and that said service of two years, with the usual salary, under the Board of Domestic Missions, shall be considered as full repayment of the assistance afforded him while preparing for the ministry. If no immediate occasion for his services should exist, that he should be held liable to be called upon at any time within two years from his licensure, unless he shall have received and accepted a call in the meanwhile, in which case there is no discharge from the moral obligation to repay, provided he acquire the ability; but that in case of the beneficiary refusing said service, he shall be held a debtor for the whole amount he has received, and that in all other cases repayment of one-half in five years shall entitle to a receipt in full. This plan, it is conceived, will give relief in all past cases, by securing a settling up of an annoying account, and in regard to all existing and future ones, it is moderate in requirement. It puts it in the power of those who have been aided, to discharge their obligations to the Church in a form of service urgently needed, and holds forth an inducement, should circumstances forbid their rendering missionary labor, to make an effort to release themselves by the payment of a moiety. It is kind, practicable, definite, and, if carried out, cannot fail to secure the double advantage of relieving the feelings of the individuals concerned and increasing the means of the Church.

#### IV. Board of Sabbath-school Union.

Your committee beg leave to offer a few remarks on this familiar and important department, and they do so because of a conviction that there exists, to an injurious degree, a misapprehension of the relation in which it stands, of its designed operation, and of some facts connected with its executive department. The great principle, which cannot be surrendered, and which lies at the foundation of our distinct organization, is, that it is the duty of the Church to provide for the religious training of her children and youth; that the right of control and supervision can never be surrendered, nor the duty transferred to, nor duly performed by, a proxy.

It is evident, also, that the A. S. S. Union cannot, without an infringement of its Constitution, any more than the American Tract Society, publish denominational tenets. It is properly and necessarily restricted to the most general comprehensive truths of Christianity. It deals mainly in sentiments and facts, rather than inculcates doctrines; and the bare shadowing forth of anything distinctive would be at once detected, and would furnish occasion for resolute remonstrance, and, if unavailing, something more undesirable still. But the impelling principles, the very corner-stones of distinct churches, are conscientious diversities of view of doctrines and order; and if denominational interests are not to be merged in one great national Church, or if Churches are not to fade away before the overwhelming influence of generalizing voluntary associations, the only method for each one to discharge their conscientious obligations and to secure their own, is *to attend to the respective home departments themselves*. There is a line beyond which combined action in general institutions becomes encroaching, and disturbs the balance of the system, while within it a delightful, profitable adjustment exists and harmony prevails, and they and the churches become confiding mutual helpers. In this way the labor and influence of our benevolent associations, as pioneers, are invaluable to the Churches of our common Lord. All may avail themselves of the priming of great principles they give to the great and hitherto neglected masses, and all may follow in the broad fields they open, and reduce the materials thus operated on to more specific forms, as best they can, and are privileged to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by their publications.

But we look in vain in their primary books for anything to produce the special endearment of a home feeling. There is a *purposed* and *consistent* omission of everything to awake denominational attachment by the power of association; there are no pictures, no names, no historical recollections or embodiment of forms. We look in vain in their Bible Questions for even a distinct bringing out of what lies on the surface of the text respecting divine sovereignty, infant baptism, and the like; and the churches must decide whether by confining themselves to publications thus restricted, they will

forego what respect for their own principles and a sense of religious obligation prompt, or whether they will, at the same time that they recognize the common Christianity, *also* provide for their own as an *actual*, and, to themselves, a *cherished* part of it. Neither the Episcopal, Baptist, or any other integral portion of the A. S. S. Union for a moment, or in any degree, forbear denominational action in the very form we do, and that too on a very limited scale compared with them, and why should we? Why should the fact that we do, prove an objection? There is no design or wish to diminish by a single cent the contributions given by our churches to the American Union, nor to sow our publications broadcast over the land in the way of competition with their approved action and triumphant success. The cherished desire of the Board is simply to supply our own churches on the above recited and conceded principle and right; as our borders extend, to do for ourselves what must needs be done, and what no one will do for us; and it is only asked that our own be not "neglected" in the annual "ministration." And your committee earnestly invite the attention of pastors and churches to an investigation of facts and a due consideration of principles involved, under the full assurance that, when they see things as they are, there will be a relief of misapprehension, and prompt and general coöperation.

The Synod's Board have published the Catechisms of the Church, Brown's Catechism, and even the Shorter Westminster Catechism—although we are not aware that any other denominational Board has published our Heidelberg or Helenbroek; a system of Primary Bible Questions and a Hymn-book, together with a Primer and Spelling-book. The means for doing this have been provided by the unwearied persevering efforts of a few individuals, by expenditure of their own means and dint of application to private sources. The class of books they furnish is indispensable in conducting Sabbath-schools, and they were furnished at rather lower rates than those of the same class by the A. S. S. Union, until in two of them the Union reduced its prices. While the profits are small, the amount actually realized is used for the purpose of perpetuating our publications, and the supply, either gratuitously or at reduced rates, of our destitute and struggling churches.

It is also especially worthy of note, that the permission given by Synod in 1847, to stereotype any book that they may deem profitable for Sunday-school reading, is limited to cases "where benevolent individuals may furnish the means, and which can be published without expense to the Board." There doubtless is much room for improvement in books on the elements of evangelical religion, on the score of fitness, illustration, and power to impress, as well as a constantly widening sphere for their circulation. And with a view to the gradual, safe and satisfactory extension of this desirable influence, through the agency of the Sabbath-school Board, it is recommended that there be a Standing Committee appointed by Synod, consisting of five ministers, whose business it shall be to examine any book that may be submitted to them by the Sunday-school

Board, original or otherwise, whose unanimous assent shall be necessary to authorize publication; and that such publication be restricted to works of moderate size and cost, inculcating distinctive gospel principles, of peculiar excellence and adaptation to youth, not otherwise obtainable, or not obtainable on as reasonable terms as they can be published for; not involving risk of expenditure beyond what the surplus funds of the Board will warrant, and not to be stereotyped except after satisfactory results in disposing of a first edition, or such marked approval as shall render the prospects of continued and general demand morally certain.

In the light of this statement it is trusted that the churches will unanimously and promptly give in their adhesion to the Synod's Board; will introduce their publications into their own schools, and, if found defective, by application to Synod, secure amendment and improvement, as it is their right and privilege to do, the Board being fully under the Synod's direction and supervision; that they will aid as often and to the extent that may be necessary, by contributions, and that they will annually enable the Board, by timely reports, to publish full statistics. And as the Synod's Board is auxiliary to the A. S. S. Union, that the churches will, though not formally and actually transmitting their contributions to the American Union through the hands of the Treasurer of the Synod's Board, report to the Synod's Board the sums annually collected for this purpose, so that the efficiency of our Church as an auxiliary to this glorious cause, both at home and in wide-distant destitute fields, may appear, and the consistency of denominational and united action may be fully demonstrated.

## V. Church Organization.

The subject of some more efficient organization of our Particular Synods having been brought before us by strong representations, your committee deem it to be eminently worthy of careful consideration. The repeated efforts made to amend our system on this point, unequivocally indicate that the mind of the Church is far from being at rest respecting it, and lead to the supposition that in a professed review of our operations it will be expected that this will not be overlooked. *To their entire abolishment* there are insuperable objections. It would be knocking away no inconsiderable part of our organization. With the extension of the Church there will arise an imperative necessity for restoring them again. The tendency at least of subordinate ecclesiastical judicatures is the desirable one of discouraging and checking by the processes requisite the too-prevailing disposition to bring mere local and inferior matters before the General Synod, and thus preventing the degradation arising from making its floor an arena for deciding every squabble within the bounds of its jurisdiction. However feeble the influence of bodies referred to has been in this respect, they have, in a greater degree perhaps than is generally supposed, proved a



bond of union, a medium of sympathy, and occasion of wholesome association. Perhaps the view in which they are generally and unwarrantably conceived to be of no importance, is because so few judicial cases are terminated on their decision. But is the true primary idea of a Synod, that it is a court in an Oyer and Terminer or Common Plea sense? Are decisions, and ejections, and stripes, wholesome associations with a council of the Church of the Lord Jesus? Is it not rather a Christian legislature, watching opportunity for usefulness, exerting fostering influences, communicating from the watchtowers they occupy to the churches they represent, the line of march they should take up, and the measure and form of action which the advancement and defence of the Ark of the Covenant among them requires? If they cannot wholly arrest the spirit of litigation, may they not be converted into instrumentalities for the active, positive promotion of peace and love? and is it not because these higher purposes have been lost sight of, that the inferior and incidental ones have gained the ascendancy? Because these organizations are no longer good *for them*, are they therefore good for *nothing*? While even the journals of earth boast of empty jails and courts without a docket, ought we not rather to rejoice if the star Wormwood is no longer in the ascendant? or if it still shed baleful influences on the heritage of the Prince of Peace, that between the places where process originates and where it ends there is a *middle ground*, free from the guilt of originating wars and fightings, blessed by deliverance from the temptation to take special interest in these strivings, because not expecting that their decision will be rested in? Such a spot is the floor of the Particular Synod. Has not the influence of employing them in a mere formal routine of figures, statistics and nominations, and of being employed as channels of appeals to General Synod, been to reduce them to their present shrivelled, sapless, unsightly condition and aspect? The means of securing their elevation to eminent usefulness are obvious, and within easy reach. Let the Synods under consideration be rescued from these uses, which, however necessary through the infirmities of our minds and dispositions, are by no means primary in their nature, and which should not any longer be allowed to be well-nigh exclusive. The opportunities for communion afforded by the General Synod, are entirely too unfrequent for the purpose of binding together the different parts of an extended Church. They are not near enough to insure "virtue going out" from one to the other. The lack of an intermediate influence somewhere between the Classes and the Synod, is supplied by the very organization we have here prepared to our hand in the Particular Synods. Instead of lamentation that this part of their occupation is gone, it should be deemed matter for devout thanksgiving if our Synods have no "business" of the sort alluded to, and if the sanctuaries where they assemble are losing their character as temples of Janus, and improving in their characters as places where the promise is fulfilled, "I will give peace." And it should be equally an object of high endeavor, by some positive policy, to secure a realization of the de-

lightful picture, "Then had the churches rest, and were edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." The main design to which the following recommendations are intended to be subservient, is the promotion of fellowship between the churches, bringing the remote and feeble ones more within the reach of our ministrations, awakening sympathies, communicating impulses, inspiring courage by the sight of Christian friends, and creating and enlivening in the ministry and eldership, more especially, a sense of companionship in the tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ. The plan is as follows :—

1. Let there be four Particular Synods, of which New Brunswick, New York, Albany and Utica, are the respective centres. Around each of these may be conveniently gathered about seventy churches.

2. These Synods might be constituted either by convention or delegation. To the convention system there would seem to be serious, if not insuperable objections. If by delegation, let the delegation be increased to three or four, instead of two, so as to secure a sufficiently numerous body ; and, in all but judicial cases, others present, living within the bounds of Synod, might be allowed the privilege of deliberating, or, if this be inexpedient, of bearing a part in assigned special services. This would present inducements for attendance, and secure lively interest and active coöperation.

3. In addition to the usual subjects that appertain to the province of Particular Synod and the Concilio ad Clerum, let the report of the last General Synod on the state of religion be read, together with the report of the Synod on the state of religion within its bounds. A discourse on a previously assigned subject, would add to the interest and profit of the occasion. If convenient and agreeable, a communion service for the members of Synod and the church where the session is held would be to edification.

The anniversary of one or two of the benevolent enterprises of the Church would be instrumental in making the churches acquainted with our interests, and would, by due observance of them in their order, secure decided advantages.

If the meetings were held in the autumn of each year, they would be less hurried than now, coming as they do in close connection with the Spring Classical Meetings, the Anniversaries, and the General Synod. The ecclesiastical business of the year would thus be more equally distributed, and the advantage arising from the freshness and accumulation of facts which the above referred to occasions furnish, would be also secured.

## VI. Religious Journal.

Your committee feel a persuasion that they express the sentiment of the whole Church, when they say that a well-conducted weekly religious paper is of very great importance, if not of indis-

pensable necessity. Every denomination employs them. Our own people will have them from some quarter. The age demands them. A cockade, or ribbon or banner, may designate principles previously put forth—the connection between them being previously understood, their significance is only conventional; but amid divisions of interests, and clashing of principles and views, it would appear as though a religious newspaper is well-nigh the exclusive method of presenting, illustrating, recommending, enforcing and defending given interests before the general mind; of impressing it and winning it by the perpetual application of “line upon line;” and as the soldiers of earth do, the soldiers of the cross also must vary their forms of armor and modes of warfare according to circumstances, provided always that the fight be a good one, and the armor of God.

Your committee feel persuaded, from numerous facts before them, that the sentiment of the Church calls for improvement in this department. In saying this, there is no design to reflect on any persons hitherto connected with its management. Its establishment was suggested by a wise policy. In its pecuniary affairs it has endured a severe struggle. It has at times reached a high degree of excellence and it is the measure of benefit derived from it, and a conviction that it may be very greatly increased, together with a desire that it should be, that prompts a distinct notice of it.

In the opinion of your committee, the province of a religious newspaper is distinct and peculiar, and it must needs fail if its office and character be confounded with that of books, or if it be attempted to convert it into the staple reading of the Christian community, or if it in any considerable degree slide into that form. Nor can it hope to succeed unless it be a living thing, “reflecting the age and body of the times, its form and pressure.” It requires for its columns not merely gold. Though it be gold in *intrinsic value*, if it be bullion *in form*, it will not answer; it must be gold fitted to become currency, stamped, and coined, and adapted for prompt circulation. While judiciously recording passing events, as one of its main duties, its true office is far higher and broader than that of a mere chronicle. It should stamp and label events, books, and sometimes even persons; and summarily, in passing them on before the public eye, indicate their character. It is the appropriate medium for comparing views on subjects of due importance. Amid the dissipating, corrupting, bewildering influences of the political press, the morals of politics, at least, are a legitimate theme. On every subject it should prove a disinfecting agent, and may be wielded so as to keep “the march of intellect on the highways of truth, the streams of knowledge in the channels of virtue, and the progress of liberty on the side of religion, and to give preëminence and commendation to the poetry whose key-note is pitched in harmony with the tone of Christian morals.”

Judicious, select and full summaries would add to its usefulness and interest. Policies may here be suggested or enforced. Forms of infidelity that are rampant and over-riding should be confronted, and the various methods by which it is covertly insinuated, under

the garb of general principles, and in coloring facts, exposed. Errors which are assuming giant forms, and putting forth power with fatal strength, should be firmly grappled with. In a word, a religious paper should be a watchtower for Zion, a rallying point, a centre of influence and light. To conduct it efficiently, with its multifarious details and weighty themes, with tread-mill constancy, is entirely beyond the power of any single mind or hand. A mightier instrumentality for the exertion of individual or combined influence does not exist on earth than a widely circulated religious journal. It may be made to thrill, or awe, or carry conviction, or rouse to action, or inspire steadfastness, according to the occasion or subject, and, from its wide circulation, to move the hearts of thousands by a common impulse, as the trees of the forest are moved, or the harvest bends, before the influence of the wind sweeping over them. And yet we treat it as of secondary or of but little importance, and move on in this as in regard to other interests, most languidly. Like Jacob, we go on our way, with all the inconvenience of halting, but without the invigoration of the assurance of having prevailed, or the prospect that we shall. High success does not come even within the scope of present methods. As our own Church has no Quarterly, nor other medium for the peculiar and important province of reviewing, interest not only would be awakened, but good done through a wider circle, and special value created, if leading minds would gird themselves for this department of service, and if, instead of scattering their articles in other publications, whereby they fail to gain character for, and administer profit to, our own Church, they would grace the first page of our own paper with their publications.

These are mere hints, but they are sufficient to show that there is abundant room for enlargement of usefulness and improvement of plan. It is true that the recognized organ of our Church is private property—that the right of Synod to control is only a moral one—and that the extent of her actual power in the case is merely incidental, viz., to withdraw her endorsement. The consequence of doing this would be most undesirable, both to the proprietor and to the Church herself. Still, we have come to something of a crisis on this, as on other departments of our interests, and there exists a moral necessity for some change. The subscription list, it is believed, does not exceed 4,500, and is stationary, if not retrograding. Amid prevailing complaints respecting it, there is no effort put forth to add to its interest. Its limited circulation and corresponding small receipts render necessary a higher price than very many, who it is desirable should take it, are willing or able to pay for it, or than ought to be paid for it, compared with other papers whose larger size, extended correspondence, and other advantages, exhibit ours at disadvantage, or than need be paid if only there be a considerable addition to its subscription list. Your committee are not prepared to recommend that General Synod should encumber itself with the proprietorship of types and presses, but they believe that experience in this department shows the stimulus of actual owner-

ship by the printer, or the editor himself, or both, to be essential to secure the economy, energy, enterprise, and blended independence and conciliation, which are the elements of success. Very favorable circumstances for extended general circulation now exist, and with an improved condition of our other interests, a large addition to this may also be made among our own churches. While, however, the relations of the parties remain as they are, your committee can do no more than express their deep conviction of the urgent necessity that exists for new action, and as the only course that can be taken short of the transfer of their endorsement elsewhere, (a measure they would deplore,) they recommend the following:—

*Resolved*, That it is of great importance that a weekly religious paper, devoted to the interests of the Church, be published; but that the recommendation of the Synod be given to such paper only on condition of having a proper control over its columns.

## VII. Change of Name.

In view of the prolonged earnest discussion that was held through the columns of the *Intelligencer* during the year, on the subject of changing the name of the Church, and of the fact that it has before this been brought before the judicatures of the Church, your committee feel that they would not be excused if they passed the topic by in entire silence. It came duly before them, and they gave it solemn, careful consideration. They found undeniable testimony, clashing in its character, as to the results, and the whole subject is undeniably exceedingly perplexing and complicated. In view of this state of the case, and the large number of more immediately important and more readily disposable topics that claimed attention, they came unanimously to the following conclusion:—

That, though the subject of changing the name of the Church has been before the committee, they are not prepared to present, as a committee, any opinion on the subject.

## VIII. Liturgy.

Your committee would also call the attention of Synod to the prevailing unseemly diversity that has obtained throughout our churches on the subject of our Liturgy. Even the order of service varies so much in many cases as not to indicate that the worshipping assemblies thus varying are under the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction. The Marriage Form is extensively set aside, nor do the forms for Baptism and the Lord's Supper receive that uniform marked observance that may be claimed for them, in view of their being labored, careful expositions of the mysteries of faith in their connection with sealing ordinances, and necessary to be understood in order to guard against their abuse. The Constitution of the Church, moreover, enjoins that they shall in every case be retained, and there is an additional obligation imposed by the calls under which

the ministry officiate, or accepting, they promise that they will remain subordinate to its laws. The addition of a Burial Service is also, in the judgment of your committee, highly expedient, in view of the intrinsic solemnity of the occasion, of the desirableness of lending our aid as a Church to edify, and comfort, and impress, where, for want of a commissioned preacher, the occasion often passes by unimproved, as well as of relieving, in a measure, the labors of the ministry, who are very often pressed out of measure beyond strength by the multiplicity of demands for their services in the prevailing exhausting way of regular sermons, for all ages and classes, and under all circumstances. It is not designed, however, by the provision of a Burial Service, to render its use in any case imperatively obligatory, nor to exclude addresses or short discourses, but that the wishes of the parties concerned should regulate the measure and manner of use that may be made of it. The following resolution is respectfully submitted :—

*Resolved*, That the committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of securing, if possible, greater uniformity in the use of the Liturgical forms contained in our books, and recommend that Synod appoint a committee to report the best means of attaining that object.

### IX. Church Music.

Your committee do not feel themselves warranted in passing over in entire silence a subject of such commanding importance, in view of the state of the question, among our own and the other Churches of the land, especially as it has come before them by direct application for an expression of some general views. Synod, by an overwhelming vote, in Philadelphia, in 1839, having refused to entertain a memorial on the question of the “lawfulness of instrumental music in divine worship,” any remarks controverting that decision would be out of place on the part of your committee. Circumstances, however, seem to admit a bare reference to great principles, whose endorsement or repetition by the Synod, it is believed, would be productive of good. These principles are :—

1. That no substitution, actual or virtual, for congregational singing be lawfully made, and that whatever on trial is discovered to tend to that result, should be modified or abandoned.

2. That singing the praises of God, being an ordained and solemn, as well as peculiarly delightful ordinance, it is the duty of all to seek to obtain qualification for joining in it, and that consistories, appointed to see that all things be done decently and in order, should make provision and encourage efforts for the attainment of due proficiency in it among all classes of the congregation, especially the young.

3. That care be taken, as far as possible, to avoid either giving or taking offence on the very subject of concert in praise and mutual edification, and that the use of edifying should be the controlling consideration in conducting it.

4. That reference be maintained to the avowed or well-known principles and habits of those who lead in this part of divine worship, and that no toleration be allowed the alleged practice in some churches, of employing in this capacity the *attachés* of theatres and other places of mere worldly amusement, and that no recognition of such, as conductors of a branch of sacred service can be made by the Synod, because tending to sink a service, whose savor before God is melody of heart, to a mere professional artistic performance; to encourage levity, and introduce the spirit of mere amusement into the sanctuary; to weaken the influence of association with the ordinances of God's house, because offensive to piety and directly at war with the letter of scriptural injunction, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." "I will (Lev. x. 3) be sanctified in them that come nigh to me, and before all the people will I be glorified."

### Concluding Considerations.

Here your committee conclude their statements and suggestions, in the discharge of what they have felt to be, with conviction deepening at every step of their progress, a most solemn and responsible trust. What is set forth as facts in the case cannot be changed; whether the solutions given and remedies suggested are the true ones, it remains for Synod deliberately and solemnly to decide. They make no pretensions to infallibility. If they should be deemed to have failed to discover the imperfections of our system—our "true burdens and causes of banishment,"—it will devolve on those who question their views to make the correction, and show "why it is thus with us." Undeniably something is out of joint; our operations seem paralyzed, our chariot wheels drag heavily. Though they may not succeed in impressing their convictions and communicating the impulse of their own to other minds, they will feel distress and disappointment if there be the slightest imputation on their diligence and singleness of eye to the great object of building the wall of Jerusalem. "Think upon us, our God, for good."

Your committee respectfully beg leave to make the following remarks, as, in their judgment, pertinent to a calm and effective consideration of the subjects embraced in their report:—

1. After hope so long deferred, and the existence of undeniable clogging influences somewhere, thoroughness of search, a resolute purpose to know, and a willingness to face our actual circumstances, would seem to be our primary duty.

2. An examination of what is offered will show that the recommendations submitted *do not touch the frame-work of doctrines or essentials at all*, but that they respect merely, and with comparative slightness, the organization of some of the agencies by which we propose to carry out the influence of the Church with due effect. These cannot claim a character of sanctity, being the fruit of human judgment, and in their adoption and amendment coming fully within

the scope of the mere by-laws of God's house. No system has ever yet been devised that will, without further care and vigilance, continue to answer all its purposes for ever, without ever being regulated or wound up, and the idea of "perpetual motion is a chimera no less in human institutions than in mechanics." Perpetual revision, renovation, progressive improvement, wise adaptations suggested by experience, and the "attention that keeps in good repair, alone can supersede the necessity of changes that amount to pulling down and rebuilding."

It is possible to expect too much from Providence. We are bound to conform ourselves to its established laws and modes of operation—to remember the difference between looking for assistance in difficulty, and hoping to be countenanced in our mistakes. Our zeal, as well as love, are to "abound in all knowledge and prudence," and "wisdom is profitable to direct."

3. The history of our operations will show that they have partaken too much of the character of expedients, and that they have been largely controlled and modified by the actual or apprehended lack of means to carry out a more comprehensive, definitive plan, with a view to permanency. It is a question whether we should not look over the field and ask, first, "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do?" and having laid our plans commensurate with our discovery of opportunity and sense of obligation, then to rally our churches to the work. To their credit be it said, they have never refused to listen to appeals on proper subjects, and duly made. We are not "straightened in them," and if their contributions, which are only symptomatic, become in a degree diminished, it is because their confidence in the feasibility of our policies is shaken, and after long years of waiting, they have not yet tasted the gladness of success. Your committee are fully persuaded that if a plan that bids fair to fill our institutions, and bring education within the reach of very many now denied it, be presented, it will be proved by the result to be the most popular and best sustained movement the Church has ever made.

4. The necessity for effort is obvious, in the fact that, though we have made absolute advance, it has been slow and small, and that relatively we have lost ground. Honorable to the genius of Christianity as the *nisus* after union is, which has been exhibited of late years by the Christian Church, we have nothing practically to hope from it, *as yet*, so far as to warrant a relaxation of denominational exertion; and it would be well if we had no occasion to complain of damage even in cases where, additional to the dictates of Christian magnanimity, we can prefer claims to exemption from interference, based on *positive covenant*. The *esprit du corps* of nationality and blood necessarily declines as they become diluted, and we are thrown, as our recommendation, upon our principles and merits, and our ability to commend ourselves to men's consciences and judgments in the sight of God. Simple forms, adherence to the distinguishing doctrines of the evangelical system, and the inculcation of a spiritual religion, are not specially adapted to gain currency in an age whose tendencies in the Church are strongly towards the gorgeous and



ceremonial, and in which the masses among whom the gospel net is to be thrown are saturated by overflows from the press, of anything but a healthful character. Our temperament is phlegmatic, our genius is not aggressive, and our policy has been correspondingly restrictive. Golden opportunities for extension have been suffered to pass by unimproved. Territory where we must needs labor, if at all, has been in a measure pre-occupied, and expense and labors are thus necessarily increased. In the very institution of what we have attempted, we have not altogether escaped influences that have divided our strength and proportionately deducted from our efficiency, and thus given cause for humiliation and regret.

Not only is effort necessary, but to be successful it must also be *united*. Our numbers are few, and all our resources of counsel and means are requisite; and we need it also, and specially, for sake of its moral effect.

It is equally necessary that it be *bold, vigorous and persevering*. One great cause of our comparative failure is to be found in the lack of well-devised, comprehensive plans at the beginning of an undertaking, as well as of steady action, and of a fixed and well-sustained system of all requisite means for carrying them out. Now, it is only by fixing on a policy, and laying our foundation as we mean to build, that every addition, however small, will be an actual advance toward our desired end. Whether the courses succeed each other with more or less rapidity, the building will rise, and the top-stone at length be laid; while by continued delay, and stinted contributions, our enterprises, if they are ever to be achieved, will prove like the Sybil's leaves, fewer in number and dearer in cost.

Your committee also deem it necessary to remind the Church that *they must not hope for immediate and large results* from any scheme of action that may be devised. Time has been lost and interests injured by the hasty adoption, and as hasty repudiation, of plans. Your committee invite careful and thorough scrutiny of what they submit, and ask no favor for it, save as it commends itself to the judgment and conscience of the Church. We disclaim everything like the special affection of paternity for our suggestions, and assume no responsibility beyond what attaches to all, save for the statement of facts, and the prayerful exercise of our honest judgment. *To the Church belongs the solemn duty of decision on the principles and facts which it is the committee's humble office to gather and present.* They entreat, next to ample deliberation, the exercise of long patience to test the scheme they may approve. Time is necessary to disclose tendencies, reveal bearings, correct action, to render the operation of a plan intelligible, to warrant an opinion on its defects and merits, to institute enterprises, and to display the measure and rate of enlargement and growth.

5. But your committee would be unfaithful to their trust, did they forbear to give expression to their convictions on *one point more, and that the most important of all*. Desirable as wise counsels are, they are nothing unless "the Lord command the blessing"

and "build the house." Our organizations, past, existing, and those now recommended, are all but like Adam's clay in the garden, while as yet it lay upon the earth, beautiful and wisely constructed they may be, yet inert and useless, till "God breathed into it the breath of life." We may modify our policies with a desire to bless, as often as Balaam shifted his altars from hill to hill with a design to curse, and with no more effect; and instead of having, as the moving and directing power in our operations, the wheel Ezekiel saw, "full of eyes, moved by the spirit of the living creature," and carrying the interior and appended wheels along with it "whithersoever the spirit was to go," we shall exhibit nothing but an accumulated mass of jarring machinery, idly clattering in proportion to the rate of its going, which, like Babel of old, may be a memorial of labor, but is not less a memorial of sinful, presumptuous self-dependence, and of blasted, because unsanctified, effort.

Such, independent of this connection, your committee not only deem their own labored issues to be, but they feel, deeply feel, the necessity, both for themselves and our beloved Church, in whatever form we proceed to action, of being found in the attitude of the pious Jehoshaphat, when, as he looked up to the eternal hills in his extremity, he said, "Our eyes are upon thee." "Profitable" though wisdom be, and proportionately large its fruits, dependence, faith, prayer, singleness of eye, are indispensable elements of prosperity. Without these, our efforts are atheism; and with them and in proportion to them, though there be deficiencies, even "the feeble shall become as David." We need a new baptism from above; a revived sense of personal obligation; deeper seriousness; more entireness of consecration; deeper moral earnestness; more enlargement; a less cautious, calculating policy; more trust in the promises, as indicated in casting our seed on the waters; more brotherly, prayerful, sympathizing intercourse; more Church feeling; more striving together for the faith of the gospel; more unity of feeling, counsel, purpose, action; and a frequent recurrence to the ardor of our "first love" and the solemnity of our ordination vows.

The system of truth which we in common with the other Evangelical Churches of our land hold, is, beyond any other, replete with the highest incentives to unreserved consecration and the strongest confidence; and what is requisite for our prosperity is, that we hold these truths not "in word" but "in power;" that we yield ourselves up to their promptings; that we feel their inspiration; that we deduce from them our obligations in reference to the actual state of the world around us—"If God so loved us, we ought also to love;" that we should ever so conceive and speak of the decess accomplished at Jerusalem, by an atoning Saviour, as that our heart shall burn within us; should so believe in "the purposes of God" as to go forth to labor with the cheering persuasion "that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord;" and should so present the doctrine of personal, special, effectual grace, that our churches shall not deem it a mere dogma, but regard it as a living principle, which

brings them under its mastery—which moves all the mysterious springs of their nature, and secures as its result, that they lay their heart and all their treasures at the feet of Christ. When thus grateful, adoring, spiritually-minded, feeling that “our sufficiency is of God,” filled with the Spirit, we will be, in the very highest sense, girded for the work of rebuilding the waste places, and repairing the desolation of many generations, and will look forth “clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners.” With a view to a deepened sense of dependence and strengthened purpose of consecration, your committee recommend that the general object of this report—viz., the revival and prosperity of the interests of our Zion—be sought to be secured in a season of special prayer for wisdom and zeal, precedent to action upon it; that Synod direct an appropriate Pastoral Letter to the churches, of a more than usually specific character; and that they also appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the state and responsibilities of the Church.

How delightful and inciting the vision that rises to view when the Lord shall say, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee;”, when to that “Zion called *outcast*, that no man seeketh after,” shall the promise be fulfilled, “I will restore health to thee and heal thy wounds.” “Their nobles shall be of themselves.” “Out of thee shall proceed thanksgiving; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; and glorify them, and they shall not be small,” (Jer. xxx;) and when God shall give to Jerusalem again “one that bringeth good tidings,” (Isa. xli. 27.) Think of the blessed results that come into view when God, even our own God, shall bless us. Our individuality as a Church shall not be sunk and lost through sinful inaction, but will be felt, and recognized, and blended with the life of the body of Christ, the Church. Our action will be consciously, with a great number of one heart and one mind. Our Journal, expressing our principles and detailing our action and success, will circulate in ten thousand families. Then our young men will go forth gladly to stations which the Church shall have designated for them in kindness and zeal; and our money, sanctified in its application and accepted of God, shall become before our eyes an instrumentality of extended spiritual blessings. Our efforts will be blessed in laying the foundation of many generations. Every congregation shall be represented in the ministry by some one at least of her sons. Former disappointments and failures will not come into mind, or will be remembered as waters that pass away, and our remaining action in our respective spheres of labor will be enlivened by a consciousness and experience of Christian enlargement.

Thus, also, the review of our labors will be pleasant, because of the evidence afforded that we have not lived in vain; and the closing hours of life will be cheered by a sight of the “good of Jerusalem and peace upon Israel.” The founders of our institutions have left to us a sacred trust, and it should be our conscientious endeavor to transmit it to those who are to come after us, not only

safe, but improved. Be it our care to add to the material structures and liberal means they provided, and to the record of those principles for whose defence and extension these means were ordained, impressive illustrations of self-denial and self-consecration. Then, as God is true, the devout will "make lamentation over us." Our "memory will be blessed," and our names prove an inheritance to our children's children. We may be confident, also, that witnesses will be raised up to take our places. The thousands of our Israel, as they bow before the mercy-seat, though dwelling at a distance, will, as Daniel did in the case of Jerusalem, remember these interests in their daily supplications. These halls, long after the announcement of our decease, will continue to send forth to the remotest generation those that bring glad tidings; and on that hill which, with the structures that adorn it, is dedicated *Christo et Ecclesiæ*, will descend heavenly influences, like the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that "descended upon the mountain of Zion, where the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." In view of the signs of the times, and the rapid expenditure of the years of prophecy, should we not derive additional incitement to all due fidelity by the thought that the time is at hand—that the interests to which our institutions are subservient are approaching the hour of their triumph—that the domes and walls of the identical structures we rear and sustain will glitter with the peculiar brightness of the millennial sun—and that the halls and chambers where we have counselled and prayed will reëcho the triumphant mingled shout of earth and heaven: "Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ." "Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams of the south." In view of the decree that has gone forth, that Jesus "must reign," inspire us to devise liberal things; make us of "one heart and one mind." Keep us from "staggering at thy promises." "O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity;" for of thee, and through thee, and to thee, are all things.

All which is respectfully submitted, by the unanimous order of the Committee.

JAMES ROMEYN, *Chairman*.

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## CHAP. I.

### OF CONSISTORIES.

#### SEC. I. *To obey Sec. 20, Art. 1, Chap. I, of Constitution.*

The General Synod enjoins upon the Consistories of the several churches strictly to adhere to the article of the Constitution in relation to the Standing Committee of Classis in relation to vacant congregations. Vol. V., p. 58.

#### SEC. II. *Synodical Minutes are to be examined.*

It is recommended to all the Consistories under the supervision of this Synod, to appoint a committee annually, as near the 1st of June as possible, to be called the Committee of Synodical Minutes, whose duty it shall be, as soon after the authenticated copies of the Minutes have been received as possible, to examine the Minutes of Particular and General Synods, and report to their several Consistories the subjects that require their action. Vol. V., p. 162.

#### SEC. III. *To seek aid from the Board of Missions through Classis.*

It is recommended to every church now receiving aid from the Board of Missions, or hereafter to receive aid from the same, first to make application to the Classis within whose bounds it is situated, and that such Classis be requested to consider the case, and if, in their opinion, possessing a fair claim to the measure of aid which said church specifies, recommend it to the Board to allow them the said appropriation. Vol. V., p. 290.

#### SEC. IV. *To endeavor to support Beneficiaries recommended by themselves.*

When any church recommends a beneficiary to the funds of the Education Board, or any other funds at the disposal of this Synod for classical or theological education, said church or consistory shall first make an effort to sustain such young man, and report to the Classis with which such church is connected, to what extent they shall be able to assist. Vol. VI., p. 231.

SEC. V. *To revoke a recommendation when thought expedient.*

Special care shall be exercised by Consistories and Classes in recommending young men to the Education Fund; and that if at any time a Consistory or Classis shall become convinced of the unfitness of any person recommended by them, said Consistory or Classis are expected to revoke their recommendation as soon as possible. Vol. V., p. 232; Vol. VI., p. 232.

SEC. VI. *Have power to decide on the validity of Romish baptism.*

Whereas, the right of receiving members into the church belongs constitutionally to the consistories, therefore

*Resolved*, That the question of the validity of Roman Catholic baptism be left to the different consistories. Vol. IV., p. 403.

SEC. VII. *Enjoined to present to Classes annual written and particular reports on the state of religion within their bounds.*

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined through the medium of the Particular Synods and the several Classes, upon the several Consistories, to present annually to their respective Classes a statistical account of their congregations, and also an account of vital religion throughout their societies. Vol. I., 1809, p. 23; 1814, p. 74; Vol. III., p. 45.

SEC. VIII. *Duty in regard to Sabbath-schools.*

1. It is recommended to the several ministers and consistories in our Church, where it is not already the case, to take the school or schools formed of teachers and scholars belonging to their churches and congregations under their oversight and care. Vol. III., p. 278.

2. It is recommended to all the ministers and consistories to request their respective Sabbath-schools to place themselves under the Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, in order that the purity and uniformity of Sabbath-school instruction may be successfully maintained throughout our churches. Vol. V., p. 260.

SEC. IX. *To defray the expenses of their ministers and elders, attending the judicatories of the Church.*

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the consistories, that they defray the expenses of their ministers and elders, who attend from time to time the several judicatories of the Church. Vol. I., 1797, p. 14; 1815, p. 74; 1814, p. 34.

SEC. X. *Not to admit students of theology, or persons not licensed, to preach in their pulpits.*

*Resolved*, That every Classis under the care of the Synod enjoin it on the consistories of our congregations, not to admit students of theology or any other persons not duly licensed, to preach, lecture, or publicly expound the scriptures. Vol. II., 1824, p. 47.

SEC. XI. *To endeavor to obtain an interest in the Widows' Fund for their ministers.*

Synod, desirous that *all* their ministers may, if practicable, become interested in the Widows' Fund, do *Resolve*, that in cases in which ministers may find it inconvenient themselves to become subscribers to this Fund, it be recommended to the consistories to secure for their pastors an interest therein, by subscribing on their behalf. Vol. V., pp. 191, 297; Vol. VI., p. 142.

SEC. XII. *To sustain the benevolent operations of the Church.*

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod all pastors and consistories are under solemn obligation to the Church, and those looking to her for aid, to carry out faithfully, and in the most efficient way practicable, the arrangement for meeting the calls of our benevolent operations.

*Resolved*, That this Synod highly approve and commend to the churches, as one of the most efficient means of collecting the charities of the Church, the plan of dividing each congregation into sections, and appointing persons (both males and females) to call upon every member in each section, periodically, for contributions to benevolent objects. Vol. VI., pp. 29, 30.

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CHAP. II.

C L A S S E S.

SEC. I. *Organization of.*

The Classes existing in the Church previously to the year 1800, were those of New York, New Brunswick, Albany, Kingston and Hackensack. In that year the following changes took place. The Classis of Albany was divided into three Classes, viz., the Classis of Rensselaer, the Classis of Albany, and the Classis of Montgomery. From the Classis of Kingston were formed the Classis of Poughkeepsie and the Classis of Ulster. The Classis of Hackensack was divided into the Classis of Paramus and the Classis of Bergen. No change was made in the Classes of New York and New Brunswick. At this same Synod, the two Particular Synods of New York and Albany were ordered to be constituted. It was directed that the Particular Synod of New York should include the Classes of New York, New Brunswick, Paramus, Bergen and Poughkeepsie. The Particular Synod of Albany to embrace the Classes of Albany, Ulster, Rensselaer and Montgomery.

The Classis of Long Island was constituted in the year 1813

This Classis was divided, in the year 1843, into the North and South Classes of Long Island.

The Classis of Philadelphia was organized in the year 1814.

The Classis of Washington was constituted in the year 1818.

The Classes of Schoharie, Schenectady and Cayuga were organized in the year 1826.

The South Classis of New York, in the year 1828.

The Classis of Orange, in the year 1832.

The Classis of Greene, in the year 1834.

The Classis of Passaic, in the year 1839.

The Classis of Illinois, and the Classis of Michigan, in the year 1841.

The Classis of Watervliet, in 1845.

The Classis of Hudson, in 1845.

## SEC. II. *To hold a free conversation on the State of Religion.*

Each Classis is requested to hold, at its stated meeting, immediately preceding the annual meeting of the General Synod, a free conversation on the state of religion in their congregations; and that on some day of such meeting, each Classis, as such, spend one hour in special prayer, in behalf of the interests of vital religion within our bounds. June, 1820, p. 58.

## SEC. III. *Their Committees on Consistorial Minutes may report on any matters demanding Classical action.*

According to the Constitution, it is the duty of the Committee on Minutes of Consistories to report for correction, adjudication, or advice, all matters which may demand the action of Classis. Vol. V., p. 506.

## SEC. IV. *On the reception of Ministers.*

1. No licentiate nor ordained minister, from any other ecclesiastical body, shall be received into any Classis until, either by documentary evidence or examination, they shall have become satisfied of his competent literary qualifications; nor until upon examination, in the presence of a deputatus, they shall also become fully satisfied of his competent theological attainments, his piety, soundness in the faith and ability to teach, and shall have received his entire assent to the standards of our Church, as to doctrine and discipline.

2. That if any candidate or minister, applying for admission into any Classis, shall, in the judgment of Classis, have sought and obtained licensure or ordination from any ecclesiastical organization for the sake of an easier admission into our Church than upon the strict terms enjoined upon our own students at New Brunswick, it shall be considered a disqualification, to be removed only by a dispensation from the General Synod.

3. No licentiate shall be received as a candidate under the care

of Classis, or be privileged to minister in, or receive a call from our churches, unless he shall have spent the same amount of time in actual attendance on theological instruction that is required from our own students; and any deficiency in this respect shall be made up by study in our own Seminary.

4. It is enjoined on the Standing Committee (on doctrine) in the several Classes, when a vacancy occurs, to send to such vacant church, immediately, a list of the licentiates of our own Seminary, and to use their endeavors to procure for them an early hearing; and it is recommended to the consistories of our churches, in all cases, promptly to endeavor to obtain their services.

5. Whenever a church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Classis to exercise guardianship over it, and, when requested by the consistory, to supply it as far as practicable by their personal services—thus preventing the disorganizing influence of casual and indiscriminate ministrations; and to maintain such a supervision over it, and minister such aid as is necessary to carry out these rules, and such as a destitute church is entitled to claim from its very relations.

6. No foreign minister shall be received on mere private letters of introduction or recommendation; but, in all cases, full ecclesiastical certificates shall be required.

7. No foreign minister shall be received by any Classis, unless he shall have undergone a probation of one year under the care of a Classis, and shall then present the same testimonials, and undergo the examination, required by the first of these rules.

8. These rules shall be inserted in some conspicuous place in the minute-books of the respective Classes. Vol. V., p. 387.

For previous legislation on this subject, see Vol. IV., p. 293; Vol. V., p. 58.

For subsequent legislation on this subject, see Vol. VI., p. 469; Vol. VII., p. 69.

SEC. V. *To appoint Committees to guard against the introduction of unsound doctrines.* Vol. I., 1815, p. 38; Vol. II., 1824, p. 47; Vol. IV., p. 293.

*Resolved*, That in conformity to the design of Sec. 20, Art. 1, Chap. I. of the Constitution, it is the duty of every Classis to appoint a Standing Committee, for the purpose contemplated in that section. Vol. IV., p. 293.

SEC. VI. *To require reports from ministers without charge.*

It is enjoined upon the several Classes to require of the ministers under their care without charges to render an account annually, at the ordinary session next preceding the meeting of General Synod, of the manner in which they have been employed the preceding year, in order that their doings may more immediately come under the review of Classis. Vol. V., p. 256.

SEC. VII. *To take measures to have the ordinances administered in vacant churches within their bounds.* Vol. I., 1817, p. 37.

SEC. VIII. *Allowed to nominate members of the Board of Superintendents.*

*Resolved*, That instead of a Committee of Nomination, usually appointed by Synod previous to the election of the Board of Superintendents, to designate a double number from each Classis out of which the election shall be made, the respective Classes themselves shall have the right to nominate to General Synod the representatives to which they are entitled in the Board, for the confirmation and appointment by Synod. Vol. IV., p. 302.

SEC. IX. *How their nominations of members of the Board of Superintendents are to be transmitted to Synod.*

*Resolved*, That the nominations of members of the Board of Superintendents by the several Classes, be transmitted to the General Synod by letter from the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod. Vol. IV., p. 422.

#### SEC. X. *On Statistical Reports.*

Whereas, it is important that the statistical reports from our churches should be regularly made to Synod; and, whereas, some Classes have made no returns at all, and many churches have been habitually negligent in making full returns; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this subject be earnestly recommended to the attention of all our Classes and churches.

2. That whenever any of the churches shall be delinquent in making their statistical reports, the Classis be advised to supply such neglect, by inserting the last report from said churches, and add a note of explanation of this fact.

3. That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be directed to send, annually, a copy of their statistical reports to the Stated Clerk of General Synod. Vol. III., p. 183.

SEC. XI. *Have power to decide on the validity of Romish ordination.*

Whereas, the right of ordaining the ministry of the gospel belongs to the Classes of the Church; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the question of the validity of Roman Catholic ordination be left to the different Classes. Vol. IV., p. 403.

SEC. XII. *Not entitled to representation in General Synod, until regularly organized.*

No Classis shall be considered as entitled to a representation in General Synod, until the same shall have been regularly organized according to the usual order, and the evidence of its organization shall have been recorded on the minutes of the Particular Synod. Vol. IV., p. 332.

SEC. XIII. *Not to dissolve the pastoral relation on the ground of expediency.*

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed in General Synod in 1806, authorizing Classes to dissolve the connection between ministers and their congregations, on the principle of expediency, though one of the parties be averse to such dissolution, be repealed; because unconstitutional and of an evil tendency, calculated to foster strife in congregations, to encourage worldly-minded professors, to excite animosities in a church against ministers, and repugnant to the practice of the Reformed Dutch Church in all ages. Vol. I., 1809, p. 18.

SEC. XIV. *May dismiss a member to an ecclesiastical body not in connection with the Reformed Dutch Church.*

The inquiry whether it be proper for Classis to give an ordained minister in our Church a dismission, to join another Church or ecclesiastical body with which the Reformed Dutch Church has no ecclesiastical intercourse or connection, was answered in the affirmative. Vol. IV., p. 322.

SEC. XV. *To keep a lemma, entitled "Education."*

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be requested to place upon their order of business a lemma, entitled "Education," under which inquiries shall be instituted of each minister and elder, as to what has been done for the cause of education, and whether there are any young men within their bounds inclined to the ministry, and what means have been taken to bring the subject before them. Vol. IV., p. 504.

SEC. XVI. *To keep a lemma, called "Benevolent Institutions."*

*Resolved*, That the different Classes be directed to have a lemma, called "Benevolent Institutions;" and that at every annual meeting of the Classes, each minister and elder shall be interrogated whether they have taken up the several collections recommended by General Synod, and make a record of the same. Vol. VI., p. 510. See, also, Vol. I., 1813, p. 30.

SEC. XVII. *To inquire in relation to the collections ordered by Synod.*

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the Classes to inquire every year whether they have taken their collections according to the injunctions of Synod. Vol. I., 1813, p. 37.

SEC. XVIII. *To make special inquiry in relation to beneficiaries recommended by them.*

*Resolved*, That in all future applications for recommendations of beneficiaries, a mere examination of credentials be not deemed sufficient, and that the respective Classes be directed to inquire

carefully for themselves into the talents and acquirements of the applicant, and the prospect of his becoming an acceptable and useful servant in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ. Vol. II., 1824, p. 54; Vol. III., p. 374; Vol. VI., p. 232.

SEC. XIX. *To inquire in relation to indigent young men desirous of entering the ministry within their bounds.*

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of each Classis to inquire, at least once in every year, from the several ministers and elders composing such Classis, whether they know of any one or more persons of piety and promising talents, disposed to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and who, being in indigent circumstances, need pecuniary assistance in prosecuting theological studies. Vol. II., Sept. 1825, p. 31.

SEC. XX. *To comply with the Constitution in relation to the presence of Deputati at examinations.*

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be directed to yield a strict compliance to the rule of the Constitution in relation to the presence of a deputatus at examinations. Vol. V., p. 58.

SEC. XXI. *To give special attention to the catechetical instruction of the young.*

Whereas, it appears from the statistical tables of the different Classes, that catechetical instruction is greatly neglected in certain sections of the Church, therefore

*Resolved*, That the different Classes be directed to give their special attention to this subject, so that, as far as possible, the youth in all our congregations may enjoy the benefit of pastoral catechetical instruction, according to the provisions of the standards of our Church. Vol. V., pp. 59, 60.

SEC. XXII. *To become responsible for beneficiaries recommended by them.*

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to any Classis which may desire to aid a young man in his education for the gospel ministry, to assume the responsibility of his support, when it is at all practicable to do so. Vol. VI., p. 231.



## CHAP. III.

## OF SYNODS, GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

SEC. I. *Brief History of the Organization of Particular Synods, and of the General Synod.*

Previously to the year 1771, when the two parties of Cœtus and Conferentie, into which the Church had been unhappily divided, were again united, each of these several bodies had their respective judicatories. In the articles of union, provision was made for the holding of a "General Assembly," composed of delegates from the five "Particular Assemblies," then ordered to be constituted. It was to meet annually, alternately at New York and Kingston. This Assembly or Synod soon assumed the form of a convention, and consisted "of all the ministers with each an elder, and also an elder from every vacant congregation." In the year 1800, the Particular Synods of New York and Albany were constituted, and at the same time several new Classes were formed. It was then "resolved, that a delegation of eight ministers and eight elders from each Particular Synod shall, until such time as the state of the Church will admit of the arrangement specified in the Constitution, constitute the General Synod of this Church; provided, that in said delegations not more than two ministers and two elders shall be taken from the same Classis." In the year 1809, a new organization of the General Synod was deemed expedient. The delegation from the Classes was increased to the present number, the mode of appointing this delegation was somewhat altered, and the quorum for transacting business was fixed, as at present existing. This plan was approved by two-thirds of the Classes, and the Synod was constituted accordingly. In the year 1812, Synod submitted to the Classes the expediency of holding their sessions annually instead of triennially, which had been their practice heretofore. A constitutional number of the Classes having reported in favor of this change, the ordinary meetings of the General Synod from that time forth have been held once in every year, viz., on the first Wednesday in June.

## OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

SEC. II. *Its powers at a special meeting.*

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, when convened in special session by the call of the President, has full power and authority to transact generally any business within the ordinary limits of its constitutional power, whether specified in the call or not. Vol. IV., p. 9.

The same point was decided in the same way in 1804. (p. 5.)

SEC. III. *Expenses of Delegates to Synod to be paid.*

In order to avoid disappointments originating from pecuniary

considerations, it is recommended to the Particular Synods to enjoin it on their respective Classes, to make suitable provision for defraying the expenses of their delegates. Vol. I., 1809, p. 17. But see 1815, p. 74.

#### SEC. IV. *Of election of Officers.*

The President and Adressor of the General Synod shall be elected by a majority of all the members present ; and if, after the first vote, there is no election, the choice shall be made from the two who have the highest number of votes. The Clerks shall be elected by plurality. Vol. V., p. 329.

#### SEC. V. *Rights of Delegates Primarii and Secundi.*

1. When a Primarius shall find it impracticable to attend the judicatory to which he is delegated, that then it shall be his duty as soon as may be, to notify a Secundus, and that when he shall take his seat, it shall not be vacated to give place to the Primarius.

2. At the commencement of the session, the members delegated, whether Primarii or Secundi, shall be recognized and recorded, but when the Primarius shall appear at any subsequent period of the session, then the Primarius shall take the seat of the Secundus, and the Secundus shall not be considered a member again, unless by the request of the Primarius, and express permission obtained by the Synod. 1824, p. 6.

### CHAP. IV.

#### OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATION.

##### SEC. I. *The Act of Incorporation.*

*Be it enacted*, by the people of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, That the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church shall be and hereby is declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," with full power to sue and be sued, defend and be defended by that name, in all courts of law and equity; and to have a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure; and also to take, purchase and hold real and personal estate, and to sell and convey the same, provided the yearly value of the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, and that the same shall not be appropriated to any other than religious and charitable uses and purposes.

*And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the regular members of the said General Synod, at their stated annual meetings, to appoint a President, three Directors and a Treasurer of said cor-

poration; and to make and ordain by-laws and regulations relating to the management and disposition of their real and personal estate, the duties of the said President, Directors and Treasurer, and the duration of their respective offices: *Provided always*, That such by-laws and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, or of the United States.

*And be it further enacted*, That it shall at all times be lawful for the Legislature to repeal or amend this act. Vol. II., 1819, p. 46.

## SEC. II. *By-Laws.*

1. The Board shall hold a stated meeting once in every month.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the President whenever he shall deem it necessary, or by any two of the Directors.

3. A majority of the Board shall be a quorum to transact business, and in the absence of the President they shall have the power to elect a President, *pro tem*.

4. The Board is authorized to demand and receive all moneys belonging to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; to draw upon the Treasurer from time to time for such money in his hands as may be necessary to answer the appropriations made by the Synod, and to apply to their specific objects the benefactions of societies, congregations and individuals. They shall, in the most advantageous manner, invest all moneys that shall come into their hands for any particular fund, and which have not been appropriated.

They shall appoint a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep their minutes, to correspond with the agents appointed by this Synod for the collecting of moneys for the use of Synod, and with agents which have been or may be appointed by other judicatures of the Church.

5. The Treasurer shall keep a regular and accurate account of all moneys by him received and disbursed, designating the specific purposes for which they have been received or expended, and shall lay before the Board such account quarterly or as often as they shall require.

6. The Board shall report annually to the General Synod a statement of the funds, with such remarks as they may think necessary.

7. The President, Directors and Treasurer shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are appointed, except in cases of misconduct, for which the Treasurer, or any member of the Board, may be suspended and reported to the General Synod at their next meeting.

8. All drafts on the Treasurer, or orders of the Board, shall be signed by the President, who shall affix the seal of the corporation, in the presence of the Board, to such instruments of writing as may require it. Vol. II., 1819, pp. 48, 49.

SEC. III. *Enjoined to collect certain funds.*

The General Synod enjoin it on the Board of Corporation to collect all moneys due from persons who have received or may receive aid from the Theological Funds, and who have connected or may connect themselves with other denominations, within the time specified in the order of the Synod. 1820, p. 69; repeated Vol. V., p. 76.

SEC. IV. *Have power to fill vacancies in their own body.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board by death or otherwise, during the recess of General Synod. 1824, p. 55; Vol. V., p. 76.

SEC. V. *Have power to manage all the property of Synod.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be and hereby is empowered to take care of and manage all the property, real and personal, of General Synod, so as to preserve it from loss and injury, and increase its productiveness, during the pleasure of Synod. 1825, p. 40.

SEC. VI. *Have charge of the Widows' Fund.*

The fund for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and children of ministers, shall be administered by the Board of Corporation, during the pleasure and under the control of General Synod.

The moneys belonging to this fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds belonging to General Synod.

The officers of the Board of Corporation shall be officers of the trust. The Treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income and to make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to General Synod at each of its annual meetings. Vol. V., p. 111.

SEC. VII. *To prepare the annual Digest.*

The duty of preparing an annual Digest of the pecuniary concerns of the Synod was transferred from the Treasurer and Stated Clerk of General Synod to the Board of Corporation in 1819. Vol. II., 1819, p. 79.

SEC. VIII. *Power to hold real estate in New Jersey.*

Application was made to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey for an act authorizing them to hold real property in that State, which was granted. Vol. II., 1826, p. 15.

SEC. IX. *Authorized to receive the funds constituting the Scholarships.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be authorized to receive from the Treasurer of the Board of Education the funds consti-

tuting the scholarships, and that the proceeds of the same, together with those of the Heyer scholarship, be applied under the direction of the Board of Education. Vol. IV., p. 320.

SEC. X. *Authorized to receive deeds for Rutgers College.* 1823, p. 53; 1824, p. 54; 1825, p. 9; 1826, p. 15; 1827, p. 19.

SEC. XI. *Authorized to execute certain leases to Rutgers College.* Vol. IV., p. 509; Vol. V., p. 436; Vol. VI., p. 9.

SEC. XII. *To require a list of the securities for loans made from the Van Benschoten Fund.*

*Resolved,* That in future the Board of Direction require from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College a list of the securities for the loans made of moneys belonging to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, to be transmitted to Synod. Vol. VI., p. 243.

## CHAP. V.

### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

#### SEC. I. *History of the Board of Domestic Missions.*

Previously to the year 1806, the missions of the Church were conducted by the General Synod without any special organization. During this period, missionaries were sent into Canada and to the State of Kentucky. In 1797 the direction of the missions in the North West was submitted to the Classis of Albany. In 1806 a committee was appointed with certain powers, which was called the "Standing Committee of Missions for the Reformed Dutch Church in America." They were located at Albany, and authorized to call on the Classis of Albany, who had for a considerable length of time conducted the missions of the Church, for such papers and moneys as might be in their hands. Under this organization the missions remained until the year 1819, when a new committee was appointed, the seat of whose operations was fixed at New York. In the year 1822, the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, an association which had been recently formed in the city of New York, was constituted the Standing Committee of Missions of the General Synod. On the 9th of September, 1828, in consequence of previous recommendation by the General Synod, a Board of Northern Agency was organized within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, to whom was entrusted the inspection of the missionary concerns of the Church within the bounds of that Synod, except the Classis of Ulster. They were subordinate to the Missionary Board in New York, and their powers in the appointment of

missionaries were only recommendatory. An enlargement of their powers having been requested, the Synod in 1830 constituted them a second Board of Missions, with powers equal to those of the Board in New York, and at the same time resolved that the members constituting these two Boards should hereafter be annually appointed by the Synod. At the meeting of the General Synod in the succeeding year, the present Board of Domestic Missions was organized under the following plan :—

## SEC. II. *Its Organization.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod do, at its present session, appoint a Board of Missions, to be known by the name of the Board of Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to which shall be confided all the missionary concerns of the Church. The said Board shall consist of thirty-four members, of whom one-half at least, and not more than two-thirds, shall reside in the city of New York, and the residue shall be appointed from the other parts of the Church. One-third of the members shall be elected by the Synod annually, so that the whole body shall be renewed once in three years. The said Board shall have power to elect their own officers annually, and to take all proper and necessary measures to further the cause of missions, subject at all times to the direction and control of the Synod, to whom they shall make an annual and detailed statement of all their proceedings.

At the first meeting of the Board, they shall proceed to determine the respective terms of service of the members, for one, two or three years. They are hereby authorized to fill up all vacancies that may occur, either by declining to accept, resignation or death. The number of nine, lawfully convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. Vol. III., pp. 383–385. The quorum of the Board was reduced in June, 1833, from nine to seven. Vol. IV., p. 227.

## SEC. III. *Not to make appropriations in certain cases.*

The Board of Missions is instructed not to make appropriations in behalf of any person laboring in any vacancy within our bounds, unless he shall have been regularly licensed to preach the gospel, and only then, when the established rules of the Board shall have been complied with. Vol. V., p. 59.

## SEC. IV. *To organize vacant churches through Classis.*

The Board of Missions shall direct their missionaries, whenever a church is to be organized as the result of their labors, that application be made to the next contiguous Classis for their action upon the case, that the organization may be effected in strict accordance with the Constitution. Vol. V., p. 294.

SEC. V. *Not to aid a church unless it be recommended by the Classis to which it belongs.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions should make no appropriation to any church asking aid in the settlement of a pastor, unless they have before them a recommendation of the application of such church from the Classis within whose bounds it is located. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 89.

SEC. VI. *Have power to appoint Commissioners.*

*Resolved*, That the power of the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint commissioners from time to time, as they may deem necessary for the furtherance of the work committed to their trust, be, and hereby is, recognized on the part of the Synod. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 88.

SEC. VII. *Are authorized to fund legacies.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions are authorized to fund any moneys accruing from bequests, and expend only the proceeds of the same, as their circumstances may from time to time require. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 89.

SEC. VIII. *Not to interfere with ecclesiastical judicatories.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod cannot approve of any interference of their Missionary Boards with their ecclesiastical judicatories, and that the respective Boards of Missions be enjoined to refrain from any such interference. Vol. III., p. 298.

SEC. IX. *Who may be honorary members, and their privileges.*

Any person contributing \$30 at one time may be an honorary member, but without any privilege of deliberating or voting. Vol. IV., p. 234. This sum was subsequently increased to \$50. Vol. V., p. 85.

SEC. X. *Style of.*

The name of the Board was changed to that of "The Board of Domestic Missions of General Synod." Vol. VI., p. 385.

SEC. XI. *Candidates or ministers of other denominations not to be employed as missionaries.*

Whereas, it appears from the minutes of the Committee on Missions, that an engagement had been entered into with a licentiate not belonging to our communion, employing him as a missionary; it is hereby

*Resolved*, As the sense of General Synod, that the Committee of Missions consider themselves to be hereafter restricted in their choice of missionaries to the ministers and candidates of the Reformed Dutch Church. 1812, p. 32.

SEC. XII. *To apply to Stated Clerks of Classes for information.*

*Resolved*, That hereafter, in every case where the Board deem it necessary to have additional information of the state and abilities of the churches applying for aid, the Board shall apply to the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes, whose duty it shall be to furnish detailed facts and information to the Board. Vol. VII., p. 195.

CHAP. VI.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SEC. I. *History of Foreign Missions.*

While the spirit of foreign missions existed in the Church, and much was done by its ministers and members in sustaining the operations of the then existing foreign missionary associations in the country, yet it does not appear that the General Synod recognized or recommended any of these societies to the patronage of the churches, nor entered upon any special organization for this purpose, until the year 1816. In that year a proposition was submitted to Synod from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, inviting the Synod to unite with them and the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church in the formation of a Foreign Missionary Society. Commissioners were accordingly appointed by the Synod, who met with those appointed by these last-named judicatories, the result of whose deliberations was the formation of the "United Foreign Missionary Society," the plan and constitution of which were approved by the Synod in June, 1817. This organization continued until the year 1826, when, at the request of the Board of Managers of that Society, the Synod consented to transfer the interest of the United Foreign Missionary Society to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. At the same time the Synod recommended to the Domestic Missionary Board in the city of New York, to consider the propriety of taking measures to begin missionary operations among the aborigines of our country and elsewhere. But, although there appeared to be a strong desire on the part of many that the Church should undertake a foreign mission of her own, nothing definite was adopted upon the subject. In the year 1830, a recommendation of the subject of foreign missions to the immediate and prayerful attention of the General Synod was presented from both the Particular Synods. After due deliberation, a committee was then appointed to confer with the A. B. C. F. M., with the view of forming a connection with that body which would be advantageous to the Synod in conducting their foreign missions. The result of this conference was the adoption of the following arrangement, under which the foreign missions of the Church have since been conducted:—



## SEC. II. *Plan of coöperation with the A. B. C. F. M.*

The Committee of Conference appointed by the General Synod and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, (see Vol. IV., pp. 88-90,) reported the following plan of coöperation, which was adopted October, 1832 :—

The selection of missionaries and the particular direction of missions are, by the laws and regulations of the American Board, made the specific duty of the Prudential Committee. But the friends of missions in the Reformed Dutch Church, whether acting as individuals, or in their voluntary or ecclesiastical association, shall exercise, if they please, their right of appropriating their contributions for the support of missionaries from their own Church, and such as they approve. Any young men in the Reformed Dutch Church, possessing the requisite qualifications and willing to go out, the Prudential Committee will gladly appoint and send forth as missionaries of the Board.

Nor will there be any objection to their forming a new and distinct mission, with a distinct ecclesiastical organization, according to their own views and wishes. And should the friends of missions in that Church prefer appropriating their contributions to this or any other mission or object within the proper scope of the Board, and should it be practicable to expend their contributions wisely upon that mission or object, there can be no objection to such appropriations, and the wishes of the donors will be sacredly regarded. Should there be any excess in the receipts from the Reformed Dutch Church above the proper expenses of the missionaries from that Church, the balance will of course go for the general objects of the Board. Should it at any time be expedient to increase the number of missionaries in the missions commenced by missionaries from the Reformed Dutch Church, and should suitable men in this Church offer their services and prefer going to these missions, they will have the precedence of others. Vol. IV., pp. 138-140.

## SEC. III. *Organization of the Board.*

A Board shall be appointed by General Synod, to be denominated "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church," whose special duty it shall be to correspond with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions on the subject of the contemplated coöperation in the selection of stations, &c., concert and carry into effect measures for the collection of funds and transmit them to the aforesaid Board, appoint agents, and facilitate their operations, assist in the formation of missionary families, and report their doings annually to the General Synod.

This Board shall consist of fifteen members, one-third of whom shall be elected annually, so that the whole body shall be renewed once in three years. They shall have power to fill vacancies, and shall designate by lot the terms of the different members, seven of whom shall reside in the city of New York, and four of whom

shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. Vol. IV., pp. 140, 141.

SEC. IV. *Who may be honorary members, and their privileges.*

Ministers may become honorary members for life, with the privilege of participating in the deliberations of the Board, by the contribution of fifty dollars, and other persons shall be entitled to the same by the contribution of one hundred dollars. Vol. IV., p. 528.

The amount necessary to constitute a layman a life-member was reduced to fifty dollars in June, 1840. Vol. V., p. 416.

SEC. V. *Authorized to employ agents.*

*Resolved*, That in cases in which Classical agents or individuals in their own churches cannot operate efficiently, the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions be, and hereby are, authorized to employ special agents for the collection of funds. Vol. V., p. 188.

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## CHAP. VII.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEC. I. *Organization of the Board.*

The Board of Education shall consist of nine members, to be elected for three years—five ministers and four laymen—six of whom, at least, shall reside in the city of New York or vicinity; and any three, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall be divided into three classes at their first meeting, one-third of which shall be elected after the first year annually. They shall have the power to choose their own officers, and have the immediate care of all the beneficiaries and education interests of General Synod; and have power to make such by-laws as they may deem necessary, not contravening the rules established by General Synod; and they shall annually report all their proceedings to General Synod. Vol. IV., p. 71.

SEC. II. *The manner of receiving beneficiaries.*

Every person applying to be received as a beneficiary by the Education Board, shall be required to produce satisfactory testimonials of his being a regular member, in good standing, of some Protestant church, and of his piety, indigence, and serious desire to devote himself to the Christian ministry; and of his capacity and aptness to learn, and promise of usefulness in the Church of

Christ. The above testimonials to be furnished by the minister and officers of the church to which he belongs, and the instructors with whom he has pursued his studies, and if these are satisfactory he shall be received on probation for six months. This examination may take place before the Board of Education, or the different Classes of our Church, or such committee of their body as they shall appoint for that purpose, and who shall transmit a full statement of the case, and the requisite testimonials, to the Education Board. Vol. IV., p. 72.

It is recommended to any Classis which may desire to aid a young man in his education for the gospel ministry, to assume the responsibility of his support, when it is at all practicable to do so.

When any church recommends a beneficiary to the funds of the Education Board, or any other funds at the disposal of this Synod for classical or theological education, such church or consistory shall first make an effort to sustain such young man, and report to the Classis with which such church is connected to what extent they shall be able to assist. Vol. VI., p. 231.

### SEC. III. *Of the marriage of beneficiaries.*

In the selection and reception of the beneficiaries a preference shall be given to those that are unmarried, and if any, after having been received, shall enter into the marriage state, they shall thereby forfeit all further claim to any appropriation that has been made to them. And hereafter none shall be received who have not completed, or who do not intend to complete, a regular course of Collegiate studies, unless by special direction of General Synod, and shall be bound to refund the money received. Vol. IV., p. 72.

### SEC. IV. *The Board to seek repayment in certain cases.*

The Board shall observe all such young men as may abandon the prosecution of their preparation for the ministry, or may retire to some other denomination, and demand from them the repayment of what they have received, and that in case of their failing to do so without satisfactory reasons, their names be published by the Board. Vol. V., p. 393.

### SEC. V. *Beneficiaries must be poor.*

In order to prevent applications for aid on the part of those whose parents are able to support them, the Board of Superintendents is directed to appropriate no moneys to any student who has not a certificate from the consistory of the church to which he belongs, that his parents are unable or unwilling to support him, or that he has not sufficient means of support. Vol. II., 1819, p. 40.

### SEC. VI. *Maximum of allowance.*

The annual allowance to each student shall not exceed \$120 per year, and they shall be under the care and subject to the rules of

the Education Board, who shall have the power to assign them to the different scholarships, unless otherwise specially provided for by the founders of them. Vol. IV., p. 72; VI., p. 117; V., p. 66.

SEC. VII. *Beneficiaries to make return of their expenditures.*

At the end of every four months, or at the end of every College term, the beneficiaries shall be required to make a return to the Corresponding Secretary of their expenditures for board, washing, wood, light, clothing, and other incidental expenses, and also of their debts, and for what contracted. Vol. IV., p. 72.

SEC. VIII. *Their tuition fees to be paid.*

*Resolved*, That in the distribution of the Education Funds under the control of the General Synod, the usual tuition fees be paid to the Trustees by all the beneficiaries, so long as the exigencies of the College shall need the same, and the Education Funds of the General Synod shall warrant such payment, and that the beneficiaries be excused from the payment of the usual incidental charges. Vol. V., p. 315.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of Rutgers College be authorized to pay, in addition to the allowance for the support of the beneficiaries on the Van Benschoten and Miss Knox Funds, the fees of their tuition in College, and that a like authority be given to the Board of Education in reference to their beneficiaries. Vol. V., p. 406

SEC. IX. *The Board to visit the beneficiaries.*

A committee of the Board of Education, or such individuals as they may appoint, shall visit the beneficiaries at least twice a year, and inquire into their proficiency and diligence in their studies, into their general deportment and Christian walk, and in case they have been deficient in either respect, to give them such advice and counsel as the case requires: and if they should prove to be guilty of any gross improprieties, or neglect of duty, or inattention to their studies, they shall at all times be liable to be dismissed by the Board, and payment required of them for the money advanced to them. Vol. IV., p. 73: see, also, III., p. 292.

SEC. X. *Great care to be exercised in receiving beneficiaries.*

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be and hereby are solemnly and earnestly urged to exercise great care in their proposed examination of beneficiaries; and that they be and hereby are enjoined to require clear evidence, not only of piety and prudence, but of a high and suitable order of talent.

*Resolved*, That when applicants are thus recommended to the Board of Education, the Board shall also subject them to a still further examination, and shall keep a careful minute of the result,

and no applicant shall be received as a beneficiary until both examinations shall have been satisfactorily sustained. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 72.

SEC. XI. *The Professors to act as special guardians over the beneficiaries.*

*Resolved*, That the Professors, both in the College and the Theological Seminary, be requested to act as special guardians over the beneficiaries while pursuing their studies, and to forward at the close of each session a statement of their attainments and deportment, not only to the Board of Education, but also to the several Classes by whom they have been respectively recommended. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 73.

SEC. XII. *Aid to be withdrawn from beneficiaries in certain cases.*

*Resolved*, That if, at any period of his education, a beneficiary shall be found falling short of the proposed standard of requirement, it shall be the duty of the Board to withdraw their support, and leave him to his own resources, or his own option as to the further prosecution of his studies, and in case such withdrawal shall have been rendered necessary by wilful neglect of duty or misconduct, repayment of what he shall have received shall be required. Vol. VII., p. 73.

SEC. XIII. *Rights and duties of Classes, &c., in relation to beneficiaries of.*

*Resolved*, That all the beneficiaries supported by a Classis, a Consistory, or an Association, be put under the care of the Board of Education.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be authorized to recognize the right of Classes and Consistories and Associations to nominate beneficiaries, when accompanied with a promise to provide the means of support. Vol. IV., p. 298.

SEC. XIV. *Their beneficiaries not to be confined to any particular literary institution.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education have discretionary power in appropriating moneys in aid of our young men pursuing preparatory literary studies, in any literary institution which such Board may approve. Vol. IV., p. 516.

SEC. XV. *Authorized at particular periods to recommend incumbents upon the Van Benschoten Fund.* See Vol. V., pp. 178, 520.

SEC. XVI. *When the maximum of allowance may be altered.*

*Resolved*, That the personal request of any founder of a scholarship, presented to the Board of Education, may exempt its incumbent from the effect of the resolution of 1842, which limits the

amount to be paid to beneficiaries to \$120 per annum, and that in all other cases its action shall not be disturbed. Vol. VI., p. 229.

SEC. XVII. *Names of beneficiaries not to be published.*

*Resolved*, That hereafter the names of beneficiaries shall not be published on the Minutes of the Particular or General Synods, and that the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes, whenever young men are recommended for aid, send a properly certified copy of such action directly to the Stated Clerk of General Synod. Vol. VII., p. 74.

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CHAP. VIII.

BOARD OF SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION.

SEC. I. *Organization of the Board.*

1. The Board to be called the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, auxiliary to the American Sunday-school Union, and shall consist of twenty-four Managers, of whom one-half at least, and not more than two-thirds, shall reside in the city of New York, and the residue shall be appointed from the other parts of the Church.

2. The Board shall be chosen by ballot, by the General Synod. One-third of the Managers shall be elected by the Synod annually, so that the whole body shall be renewed once in three years. The said Board shall have power to elect their own officers annually.

3. The Board shall hold regular meetings in the city of New York, at least four times a year, on their own appointment; and seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, according to by-laws of their own enactment.

4. The powers of the Board over the several schools of the Union shall be advisory simply, and exercised in concert with the pastors and consistories. In connection with the Bible Questions of the American Sabbath-school Union, they shall endeavor to promote instruction in the schools in the principles of divine truth, as they are exhibited in the Catechisms, and other standards adopted by the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Westminster Assembly. It shall, besides, be their duty to collect from the pastors and consistories information on the state of the several schools, which shall be embodied in an annual report, to be presented to General Synod at their annual meetings. And they shall also report annually to the American S. S. Union.

5. The funds of this Union shall be raised by subscription, donations and collections in the churches, and placed in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Board.

6. The Board shall employ so much of the funds thus collected as

may be needed, in the efficient support of our own schools; and the residue it shall be their duty to pay over annually to the Treasurer of the American S. S. Union, to be employed by them in the promotion of the general object of Sabbath-school instruction.

7. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys transmitted to him, pay all demands under the direction of the Board, and render an annual report for the inspection of General Synod. Vol. V., pp. 260, 261.

## SEC. II. *Additional Articles.*

*Resolved*, That the Sabbath-school Board be enlarged by the addition of twelve members, chosen from the city of New York and vicinity, and that in their election regard be had to as equal representation of the churches as practicable.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Sabbath-school Union have power to fill such vacancies as may occur between the sessions of the Synod. Vol. V., p. 305.

## SEC. III. *Allowed to publish certain books.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Sabbath-school Union have permission to print and publish, with the imprimatur of a Special Committee, therefor appointed by the Board, the Catechisms of the Church, Bible Questions, a Spelling-book and Primer, and the expenses to be defrayed from their own funds. Vol. V., p. 394.

## SEC. IV. *Who may be life-members of, and their privileges.*

On the payment of thirty dollars, the Board of Sabbath-school Union is authorized to issue certificates of life-membership to the respective donors, who shall be entitled to meet with said Board and take part in their deliberations. Vol. V., p. 513.

## SEC. V. *To require pay for books issued to certain Schools.*

*Resolved*, That the Board require of consistories able to pay the expenses of the Sabbath-schools in their respective churches, the full amount for which books shall be drawn from the Depository for said schools. Vol. V., p. 513.

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# CHAP. IX.

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

### SEC. I. *The subject in general.*

It is the ardent desire of this Church to maintain friendly and fraternal relations with all evangelical Churches, and especially to

be in close and perfect union with those who adopt and maintain our own formularies, or others of kindred spirit and form. Vol. VI., p. 186.

SEC. II. *Origin of the correspondence with the German Reformed Church.*

The earliest action of the Synod, found on its printed Minutes, is the following :—

*Resolved*, That the correspondence with the German churches in America ought to be continued, and that an attested copy of the acts of this General Synod be sent to the highest judicature of those churches, in expectation that they will also transmit a copy of their acts to us, and that the President of this Synod accompany the said copy with a letter asserting the fraternal affection of the Reformed Dutch churches towards their German brethren. 1804, p. 10.

SEC. III. *Plan of correspondence adopted.*

Previously to the year 1812, the correspondence was carried on by letter and a mutual interchange of Synodical Minutes. In that year Synod appointed a delegation of three ministers to the German Reformed Synod. At the session of Synod held in June, 1814, delegates were received from the German Reformed Synod, when the following arrangement relative to the correspondence was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That this Synod cheerfully agrees to the plan proposed by the German Synod, on which the correspondence between the two Churches shall hereafter be conducted, viz. :—

1. Each Synod shall receive the delegates from the sister Church in a brotherly and affectionate manner, and provide them suitable accommodations during the session of Synod.

2. The delegates shall produce their credentials at an early part of the session, and shall then be invited to take their seats on the floor of Synod as advisory members; that is, they shall have the right to express their opinions on all subjects which relate to the general interests of the churches, or to the promotion of religion, but shall not vote on any question before the Synod. 1814, p. 22.

SEC. IV. *Plan of Convention.*

A committee was appointed by General Synod in June, 1842, to confer with a similar committee subsequently appointed by the Synod of the German Reformed Church, on the subject of a closer connection between the two bodies. This joint committee in 1843 reported the following articles, which were adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in 1844 :—

1. While they do not feel that the condition of the two Churches would warrant at present an entire amalgamation into one, they



earnestly recommend the increased cultivation of that affectionate intercourse which now so happily obtains between them.

2. That a General Convention be held triennially, in some central place, composed of thirty-six ministers and elders—an equal number of each—one-third of whom shall be from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and two-thirds from the German Reformed Church, (embracing the two Synods,) to be appointed in such manner as the Synods of said Churches shall determine, and that the first meeting be held on the second Thursday of August, 1844, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Harrisburg, Pa.

3. The Convention of delegates from said Churches shall possess no judicial or legislative powers, but shall be purely advisory in suggesting such measures as shall, with the divine blessing, best promote the interests of religion both at home and abroad, and that said delegates report the proceedings of the Convention to their respective churches.

4. That in order to provide more effectually a stated ministry among the people of the respective Churches, especially in the States beyond the Ohio river, they recommend that when too feeble to maintain the gospel separately, they cordially unite with each other in the support of a minister of either Church, and select for themselves such ecclesiastical relation with either Church as to them may seem meet.

5. That the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church do regard the great lack of ministerial help in their sister Church as presenting strong claims upon their Christian sympathy, and do cordially recommend to the youth who may be educated in their Theological Seminary to direct their attention to said Church, as affording in their judgment one of the most promising and inviting fields for ministerial usefulness. Vol. VI., pp. 180, 309.

#### SEC. V. *Articles of closer union.*

The first Triennial Convention, held in August, 1844, recommended the following resolutions, which were amended and adopted:—

1. The licentiates of the respective Synods, who may furnish testimonials that they have studied three years in either Seminary, shall be considered as candidates in all the churches represented in this Convention, and each Seminary shall be directed to furnish to the Faculty of the others an annual list of licentiates as they successively issue from the Institution.

2. A correspondence shall be maintained between the students of the Seminaries of each Church, with a view to cultivate reciprocal affection, and to awaken a mutual interest in the rising ministry of the respective bodies.

3. The system of instruction in the Seminaries of the respective Churches shall be conformed to each other as nearly as may be.

4. There shall be as near an agreement as possible in the Liturgy and form of worship in the churches of the different bodies represented.

5. Vigorous efforts shall be made by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, while giving the necessary attention to her own missions, to extend her missionary operations in the destitute parts of the German Reformed Church; the missionaries to be employed in the field to act under the immediate direction of an efficient Board, to be established at some suitable point by the Synod of the latter Church, and to have a constitution agreeing generally with that of the Domestic Board of the former Church. It also appears desirable, that the churches which may be organized by the missionaries of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church unite themselves with the German Reformed Church, unless they shall be contiguous to some organization of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, or the disposition should be in favor of an union with the latter body.

6. Future Conventions shall be opened by a sermon, which service shall be performed by a minister to be appointed by each Synod in rotation, and each Convention shall settle the time and place for holding the succeeding Convention. Vol. VI., pp. 427-9.

#### SEC. VI. *Further Articles.*

The following resolutions were adopted by General Synod in 1845 :—

1. That the missionaries who may be sent to labor under the direction of the Board to be appointed by the German Synod shall retain their relations to this Synod, excepting when they may become settled pastors over churches belonging to the Classes of the German Reformed Church, and that they shall be required to report to our Board of Domestic Missions, as well as to that of the German Synod, at least semi-annually.

2. That the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to correspond with the proper Board in the German Reformed Church, in reference to the employment of young men from our Theological Seminary, or the candidates of the German Church, as missionaries among the German population, and that they be authorized and empowered to expend at least one thousand dollars in the support of such missionaries the present year.

3. That beneficiaries who may go from us and join the German Reformed Church shall not be affected in any way by the rule requiring repayment of moneys received by any beneficiary who leaves our Church for the service of another.

4. That it be recommended to the Synods represented in addition to our own, in the Triennial Convention, to adopt some arrangement, whether by committee or otherwise, by which candidates from our Church wishing to settle as pastors in the German Reformed Church may be aided in obtaining such settlement. Vol. VI., pp. 429, 430.

SEC. VII. *Plan of Triennial Convention abolished.* Vol. VII., p. 233.

SEC. VIII. *Correspondence with the Presbyterian Church.*

## BRIEF HISTORY OF.

A correspondence between the two Churches was organized in the year 1785, contemplating a meeting of representatives from the respective Churches, for the purpose of fraternal consultation. In the year 1797 a committee was appointed by the General Synod to confer with committees from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and from the Associate Reformed Synod, to form some more definite plan of mutual correspondence and intercourse. In the year 1800 a plan of correspondence was submitted to Synod from these committees, embracing the communion of particular churches, the friendly interchange of ministerial services, and a correspondence of the several judicatories of the conferring Churches. As some of the details of this plan did not accord with the views of Synod, they declined fully to accede to it. A friendly correspondence, however, appears to have been maintained between the Churches until the year 1822, when the following plan was adopted:—

SEC. IX. *Plan of Correspondence.*

1. Any member of either Church may be received in communion to the other, on producing to the proper church officers sufficient evidence of a good and regular standing in the church with which he is connected. Vol. II., 1822, p. 47.

2. It shall be permitted to the competent church officers in any congregation, settled or vacant, to invite to their pulpit any minister or probationer who is in good standing in either of said Churches, and who preaches in their purity the great doctrines of the gospel as they are stated in their respective Confessions of Faith, and have generally been received and taught in the Reformed Churches; but it shall be entirely optional to give or withhold such invitations; nor shall it be esteemed offensive or unkind if the invitation be withheld. *Ibid.*

3. A vacant congregation shall be at liberty to call a minister from either of the Churches, according to the order established in the Church from which he may be called, he conforming himself to the order of that Church; and in case of a congregation being formed of people from both, it shall be at liberty to put itself under the care of either, at its option. *Ibid.*

4. Persons under censure or process of censure in either Church shall not be received into the other Church while such censure remains, or such process is unfinished. *Ibid.*

5. The ministers of one of the corresponding Churches shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the ministers of the other Church.

6. None of the inferior judicatories shall be at liberty to admit to their respective bodies or under their care any student or licentiate from the sister Church, without a regular dismission from the

ecclesiastical body or theological seminary to which he is considered as attached. Vol. III., p. 255.

7. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church shall each appoint one minister, with an alternate, as a delegate to these judicatories. 1822, p. 48 ; Vol. VI., p. 73.

#### SEC. X. *Privilege of delegates.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod consider the articles of correspondence adopted between the highest judicatories of the two Churches as authorizing the delegates from each of these judicatories mutually to deliberate on all questions that may come before them, in the same manner and to the same extent as their own members, subject to the rules of both houses ; and that the said delegates are excluded only from the privilege of voting. Vol. II., 1822, p. 32.

#### SEC. XI. *Correspondence with the Reformed Presbyterian Church.*

In the year 1837 a committee was appointed to open a correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This committee reported in 1838 the following plan, which was adopted :—

1. The Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church and the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall each appoint a minister, with an alternate, to sit in the highest judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects coming before them, and of making suggestions on matters affecting the interests of both bodies mutually, or pertaining to the general interests of religion, but not of voting.

2. The ministers, members and judicatories of these Churches (treating each other with Christian respect) shall always recognize the validity of each other's acts and ordinances consonant to the word of God ; it being understood that any ecclesiastical judicatories belonging to either body may examine persons or review cases of discipline on points at present peculiar or distinctive to themselves respectively. Vol. V., p. 122.

For certain reasons the Synod, in the year 1845, saw fit to discontinue this correspondence by delegation, and adopted the following resolutions in relation to the whole subject :—

*Resolved*, That this Synod most cordially reciprocates the assurances of regard expressed by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, with earnest desires and prayers for their continued prosperity and increasing usefulness, and wishes unto them "grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Resolved*, That the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church be most respectfully referred to the opinion given by this Synod at its session in June, 1843, to wit :—That while this Synod is pleased to hear of the harmony, orthodoxy and zeal of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and still wishes to maintain with them

social and affectionate intercourse, it is deemed inexpedient to send delegates for that purpose, as all the benefits of this correspondence can be enjoyed by a reciprocal interchange of their annual Minutes and other friendly acts of kindness and confidence. Vol. VI., p. 431.

## SEC. XII. *Correspondence with the Associate Reformed Church.*

In the year 1797 a committee was appointed to confer with a corresponding committee from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, for the purpose of forming some definite plan of mutual correspondence and intercourse. (See Minutes of that year, pp. 5-7.) In the year 1800 a plan of correspondence was submitted from these conferring committees, embracing the communion of particular churches, the friendly interchange of ministerial services and a correspondence of the several judicatories of the conferring Churches. As some of the details of this plan, however, did not accord with the views of Synod, they declined fully to accede to it. (1800, pp. 11-18.) A friendly understanding, however, appears to have been continued between the two Churches. In the year 1816 an overture was made from the Associate Reformed Church to appoint committees of conference for the purpose of promoting the good understanding between the two Churches, and for combining their efforts to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. This was approved by the Synod and committee accordingly appointed. (1816, pp. 12, 15.) A plan of correspondence was reported by these committees, which, after some amendment, was adopted by Synod. (1817, pp. 6, 16-18; Oct. 1817, pp. 11-12.) This plan continued until the year 1820, when a communication was received from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, proposing the appointment of a committee of conference on the subject of effecting a union between the two Churches. (1820, p. 7.) Such a committee was appointed. (1820, p. 54.) This committee of conference agreed upon a plan of union, which was reported to the Synod, adopted by them, and sent down to the Classes for their approbation. (Oct. 1820, pp. 13, 14.) A majority of the Classes approved of this plan, but the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church declined for the present any farther proceedings relative thereto. 1821, p. 42.

In the year 1827 an overture was made to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to maintain a correspondence upon the same terms with that existing by the Synod with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Nothing definite grew out of this overture until the year 1837, when a plan of correspondence by delegates was agreed upon. Vol. III., pp. 178, 256, 347; Vol. IV., p. 467; Vol. V., pp. 29, 30.

In the year 1838 a communication was received from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, proposing to substitute in the place of the first article in the plan previously adopted by the conferring committees, which contemplated the appointment of corresponding delegates, that the correspondence be maintained only

by the interchange of letters touching the general interests of religion in our country and the world. But the Synod refrained from any specific action on the subject. Vol. V., pp. 125, 127.

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## CHAP. X.

### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

#### SEC. I. *History of.*

The subject of a Theological Professorate occupied the attention of the first Convention of the Church, which was called in 1771, for the purpose of uniting the two parties into which the Church was at that time unhappily divided. It was then agreed that measures should be at once adopted for the appointment of one or two Professors of Theology, and an article to that effect was incorporated in the Articles of Union which were then adopted. The Articles of Union having been approved by the Church of Holland, the Convention which was held in 1774 matured the plan of the Professorate, and with the view of more fully harmonizing the churches they addressed the Classis of Amsterdam, requesting them to recommend some suitable person to be appointed the first Professor of Theology in America. A letter from Holland was in due time received, enclosing one from the Theological Faculty of the University of Utrecht, to whom the Classis of Amsterdam had written upon the subject. Both letters united in recommending one and the same person to fill the Theological Professorate in America. This individual was the Rev. Dr. J. H. Livingston. A Convention was immediately called, which met in the city of New York, in May, 1775. But in consequence of the civil commotions arising from the war of the American Revolution, nothing was then done, and the whole business was suspended until after that eventful period. In the year 1784, at the first Convention which was held after the peace, the Rev. Dr. Livingston was unanimously chosen Professor of Theology. A plan was then digested for the future support of the Professorate, and for the maintenance of indigent students. The Professor entered immediately upon the duties of his office, but still retaining his pastoral relation in the city of New York. To accommodate such students as were not able to meet the expense of boarding in the city, two ministers who resided in the country were appointed *Lectors* in Theology, with whom many of the students remained for a season, and afterwards finished their course with the Professor, or, after submitting to an examination by him, obtained his certificate. In the year 1794, the General Synod, to avoid certain supposed difficulties arising from the residence of the Professor in the city of New York, requested the Professor to re-

move to Flatbush on Long Island, and there prosecute the work of theological instruction. With this request the Professor in 1796 complied, still in part performing the duties of his pastoral office in the city. In 1797, the Synod determined that it was not expedient to continue the measures hitherto adopted on the subject of the Professorate, and proceeded to appoint two other Professors. In consequence of this the Institution which had commenced on Long Island was abandoned, and the Professor returned again to the city and resumed his parochial services. The Professors appointed at this meeting of the Synod were the Rev. Dr. Derick Romeyn, of Schenectady, and the Rev. Solomon Fræligh, of Hackensack. It was soon found, however, that this plan did not produce the good effects which were expected, and in 1804 measures were taken to bring the Institution back to its primitive state. It was then resolved that while the last-named Professors should continue to hold their office during their lives, the instruction in theology should be chiefly given by one Professor. The city of New York was then fixed upon as the seat of the Theological School, and the Rev. Dr. Livingston was chosen the permanent Professor of Theology. At the same meeting of the Synod, the Rev. John Bassett and Rev. Jeremiah Romeyn were elected Professors of the Hebrew language. The College at New Brunswick having been revived in 1807, the Trustees offered to render it subservient to the Professorate of Theology. The General Synod which met in September of that year resolved to accept the overture of the Trustees of the College, and to unite the Theological Professorate with that Institution. Accordingly, in the succeeding year, the Professor of the Synod was elected Professor of Theology in Queen's College, and at the same time chosen to the Presidency of the Institution. In the month of October, 1810, the Rev. Dr. Livingston removed with his family to New Brunswick, and opened the Theological Seminary, which was attended by five students. At the meeting of the Synod held in June, 1812, the following plan of the Theological Seminary, with the exception of some few amendments subsequently made, was adopted, under which the Institution still continues to be conducted:—

## SEC. II. *Plan of the School.*

### ART. I. OF GENERAL SYNOD.

1. All the authority of the Reformed Dutch Church is vested in the General Synod, as the last resort. This Synod shall have paramount authority over the Theological School, its officers, laws and instructions.

2. The General Synod shall appoint a Board of Superintendents, consisting of one member from each Classis, and the respective Classes themselves shall have the right to nominate to General Synod the representatives to which they are entitled in the Board, for the confirmation and appointment by Synod. The members shall serve for three years. Those now chosen shall arrange

themselves by lot into three classes ; the first to serve for one year, the second for two years, the third for three years ; and the Board shall report annually what seats become vacant each year. Vol. IV., p. 302 ; Vol. V., p. 518.

3. All the Professors of this Theological School shall be chosen by the General Synod, but in the recess of Synod the Board of Superintendents may temporarily employ a person or persons to perform the duties of a Professor.

4. The General Synod may alter, amend or abrogate any of the articles in the plan of this School, provided such alterations do not contravene the mutual engagements of the Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College.

#### ART. II. OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. The Board of Superintendents shall meet annually in the Professoral Hall on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in July, of which meeting the Stated Clerk of the Board shall give notice, through the Christian Intelligencer, each year ; and any *six* members, when regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. The Board shall open and close all their meetings with prayer, and shall cause one sermon at least to be preached, either by their President or some member appointed for that purpose.

3. The Board shall choose a President and Secretary, keep minutes of all their transactions, and lay them, with a summary account of the state of the School, before General Synod, at every stated meeting. The Stated Clerk of the Board shall be a permanent officer, i. e., shall continue from year to year until he shall resign, or any Board, for sufficient cause, shall elect a successor. Vol. V., p. 518.

4. The power of admitting students into the Theological School, and of granting full dismissions from the same, is vested in the Board of Superintendents ; and they are directed to appoint a committee in the neighborhood of New Brunswick to act on these subjects during the recess of the Board.

5. The Board shall superintend an annual examination of all the students under the care of the Professors, to ascertain their talents and proficiency.

6. The Board shall be competent to reprimand or remove immoral or incompetent students, to inspect the doctrines taught by Professors and the general course of study, and to recommend to Synod such measures or changes as they may think advantageous to the School and the general interests of the Dutch Church.

7. The President is authorized to call a special meeting of the Board at the request of a Professor or Professors, or of any two members, at any time, provided four weeks' previous notice be given.

8. The Treasurer of the Board of Direction is hereby authorized to pay the bills for incidental expenses of the Board of Super-



intendents, when the same shall have passed by the vote of the Board and be certified by the Stated Clerk of the Board. Vol. V., p. 519.

#### ART. III. OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The number of the Professors in the School shall be determined by General Synod, and their duties shall be prescribed by Synod, or by the person or persons who may endow a professorship, under the immediate direction of the Superintendents: *Provided*, always, that the School be not considered as completely organized without three Professors, and that all of them be ordained ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church.

2. The salaries of all the Professors hereafter appointed shall be fixed by a vote of General Synod.

3. The Professors shall attend three lectures or recitations every week, and accompany them with prayer.

4. Every Professor intending to resign, shall give six months' notice to the Board of Superintendents.

5. They shall attend morning and evening prayers with their pupils, either separately or in conjunction with the Faculty and students of Rutgers College, and supply them with the preaching of the gospel, and the administration of the sacraments by themselves or by some church in New Brunswick.

6. The Professors shall have the power of reprimanding or suspending from the School, disrespectful, immoral or incompetent students, during the recess of the Board of Superintendents, subject to the revision of the Board.

7. In respect to absences caused by sickness or pecuniary considerations, it is left to the Faculty to determine how long and for what cause a student may be absent, and yet resume his place in his class, subject to the revision of the Board. Vol. VI., p. 291.

8. The Synod will always feel gratified by enjoying the attendance of the Professors in the Theological Seminary at the sessions of Synod, whenever their professional duties will admit. 1824, p. 55; Vol. V., p. 78.

9. The Professors shall be organized into a Faculty for the exercise of the powers vested in them by this plan, and they are directed to hold monthly meetings, and more frequently if they deem it necessary. The Professors shall preside quarterly in rotation, beginning with the senior Professor. Vol. V., pp. 424, 425.

#### ART. IV. OF STUDENTS.

1. Every student, upon admission to the Theological School, shall produce a certificate of his membership in some regular Protestant church, and a diploma from some literary college, or testimonials of such literary attainments as would entitle him to such diploma. He shall moreover submit to an examination by the Board, or such committee as they may appoint, of his piety, talents and such other qualifications as would give *reasonable* ground to hope that he is called of God to preach the gospel.

2. Every student in the Reformed Dutch Church shall, previous to his commencing the study of theology, make himself known as such to the Board of Superintendents, and shall be considered under the care of said Board. And every student of divinity, under whomsoever he may have studied, shall, previous to his examination by the Professor, apply for the said purpose to the Board of Superintendents, before he is examined and licensed.

3. The students shall exhibit to the Professors weekly in rotation one lecture or sermon on such subjects as the Professors shall appoint, and each one annually to the Superintendents, and write upon such subjects as the Professors may prescribe.

4. Strict morality, piety, diligence in studies and attention upon lectures, recitations and prayers are required, under pain of reproof or expulsion.

5. Every student shall spend a portion of his time morning and evening in private devotion, and every Lord's day in public, social and private worship, with a particular reference to personal religion and growth in grace.

6. Those students who are not able to defray the expenses of their education, shall be assisted as far as practicable from the funds devoted to that purpose.

#### ART. V. OF THE TIME AND COURSE OF STUDY.

1. The time and course of study in this School shall not be less than three years.

2. In each year there shall be three vacations, corresponding to those in Rutgers College, provided that the whole time of vacation in any year do not exceed three months.

3. The whole course of instruction shall consist of Natural, Didactic, Polemic and Practical Theology; Biblical Literature, including *Critica Sacra*, *Hermeneutica Sacra*, Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography and the Original Languages; Ecclesiastical History, including Chronology, Church Government and Pastoral Theology.

The studies of the first year, or Junior Class, shall be *Critica Sacra*, Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography, Composition, the Original Languages, the History of the Old Testament, and so much of Pastoral Theology as relates to the composition and delivery of sermons.

The studies of the second year shall be Didactic and Polemic Theology, *Hermeneutica Sacra*, Ecclesiastical History, and the Original Languages continued.

The studies of the third year shall be Didactic and Polemic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, *Hermeneutica Sacra*, and the Original Languages.

A general revision of the former studies shall be required at the close of each year; and there shall be anniversary exercises, in which each member of the Senior Class shall bear a part, under the direction of the Professors.

4. Students, at the expiration of three years of regular study, shall be admitted to an examination, to be conducted by the Professors before the Board of Superintendents, and, as the case may require, be continued longer in the School or furnished with a certificate signed by the Professor, which shall admit them to an examination for licensure before their respective Classes.

ART. VI. COURSE IN THE DIDACTIC DEPARTMENT.

1. While the present text-book (Mark's *Medulla*) shall be put into the hands of the students, and they shall be required habitually to refer to it on the subjects of the course, as they occur, it shall be chiefly used by the Professor as his guide in the order of his instruction. But the students shall not be required either to commit to memory or to recite the same in the lecture-room. A general syllabus, however, of the whole subject, in as condensed a form as its completeness will allow, embracing definitions and the *Classis argumentorum*, drawn from the text-book by the Professor, should be in the hands of every student and committed to memory carefully by the Junior Class, to be reviewed from time to time by all the classes.

2. The Professor shall deliver original, full, connected, continuous and well-digested written lectures upon the branches of Theological Science, in the order prescribed in the present text-book used in the Institution, and embracing a special reference to the canons and the other standards of the Church, and all the modern controversies in theology.

3. It shall be the duty of the Didactic Professor to institute and prosecute a course of elementary instruction upon the subjects of theology with the first or Junior Class, regulated by the standards of the Church, in such way as shall prepare them to enter upon the full study of the system of Didactic Theology in the second year of their course, during which year his lectures on Didactic Theology shall be delivered. And when the students shall arrive at the third or Senior year, the Professor shall meet them daily, and they shall receive, in addition to such other instruction as he may give them, his system of lectures on Polemic Theology, and shall be exercised by him in the writing of theses in divinity, as he shall from time to time assign them: *Provided*, always, that the Professor shall be careful to examine the students in such way as he shall judge most advisable, upon the substance of every lecture delivered by him.

4. It shall be the duty of the Professor to direct the attention of the students to the reading of such works, on the several subjects, as they occur in his lectures, as he may think calculated to give them full and correct information in relation to all the grand doctrines embraced in the system of theology, and he shall from time to time satisfy himself that these works are consulted by them.

5. It shall be the duty of the Professor to prepare a full and copious system of questions upon all the subjects of Didactic and

Polemic Theology, which the students shall be obliged to answer in writing at their rooms, and at their leisure, and which shall form the basis of their examination before the Board of Superintendents. Vol. VI., p. 18.

SEC. III. *Students recommended to acquire a knowledge of the Dutch language.*

*Resolved*, In view of the great number of Hollanders now settling in our country, that it be strongly recommended to the Theological Students in our Seminary to acquire a knowledge of the Dutch language, to qualify themselves for preaching in the Dutch language among them. Vol. VII., p. 278.

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## CHAP. XI.

### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

#### SEC. I. *History of.*

The literary institution at New Brunswick was first incorporated by the crown of Great Britain, under the name of Queen's College. The charter was given under the administration of Governor Franklin of New Jersey, and bears date March 20th, 1770. This instrument states that it was granted in consequence of "a petition of many ministers and elders on behalf of those churches which are formed according to the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United Provinces, and use its discipline, as instituted by the National Synod of Dort, setting forth that the inconveniences are manifold and the expenses heavy, in either being supplied with ministers of the gospel from foreign parts or sending young men abroad for education; that the present and increasing necessity for a considerable number to be employed in the ministry is great; and that a fund for the necessary uses of instruction very much depends upon a charter." This charter was, with some exceptions, ratified and confirmed by an act of the Legislature of the State, May 31st, 1799.

The first attempt to put the institution into active operation did not succeed for more than a few years, partly because the charter had been obtained under the sole patronage of the "Cœtus" brethren—one of the parties into which the Church had been unhappily divided prior to 1771—and the unpleasant feeling thence arising had not yet been allayed; and partly, because of the political distractions of the times.

A subsequent effort was made in 1807, by a union of efforts on the part of the Trustees and the General Synod, to reestablish the

Institution ; but the object was not attained. The effort, however, was renewed some eighteen years later, and was attended with complete and happy success, since which period (1825) the Institution has taken honorable rank among the educational establishments of the country. The first President, after the revival of the College, was Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D., who was succeeded in 1840 by the Hon. A. Bruyn Hasbrouck, LL. D.

## SEC. II. *Covenant between the Synod and the Trustees.*

It is mutually covenanted and agreed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in America on the one part, and the Trustees of Queen's College on the other :—

1. That in the plan for the revival of said College, they will employ their efforts to combine its literary interests with a decided support to evangelical truth and the promotion of a faithful and able ministry in the Dutch Church.

2. That all the moneys raised by the Trustees of Queen's College in the State of New York, shall (agreeably to the proposal of said Trustees) be a fund exclusively appropriated to the support of a Theological Professorship in the College, and to the assistance of poor and pious young men, who are desirous of entering into the gospel ministry under the patronage of the Dutch Church, as represented in the General Synod.

3. All moneys which may have been raised for the professorship, under the injunction of the General Synod of 1806, shall be deposited in the hands of the Trustees of Queen's College, for the purpose expressed in the second article, and the persons appointed to raise contributions for the professorship shall stay their proceedings till the success of said Trustees be ascertained.

4. The Trustees of Queen's College shall call no Professors of Theology but such as shall be nominated and chosen by General Synod, agreeably to the resolutions and arrangements formed in General Synod, in 1804, respecting the permanent professorship, which is hereby located at New Brunswick.

5. As soon as the Trustees shall have obtained a fund, the interest of which will yield a competent support to the Theological Professor, of which competency, whenever any difficulties or doubts may arise, the contracting parties shall judge and determine, the Trustees shall be bound, without delay, to call the Professor appointed by the Synod, and they shall and do hereby request their Professor, as soon as he shall have received such call, to make arrangements forthwith for entering upon the duties of his office.

6. That a permanent Board shall be appointed by the Synod to superintend the Theological Institution, to assist the Professor in arranging the course of instruction, to attend the examinations of the students in theology, previous to their examination for licensure before Classis, to be known by the style of the Superintendents of the Theological Institution in Queen's College, and to be recognized as such by the Trustees of said College.

7. The Synod agrees to provide money for the purchase of a Theological Library, and for the purpose of erecting a Theological Hall; or to contribute their proportion to the erecting such building or buildings as may be designed for the joint accommodation of the Library and Theological departments of the College; provided the sum do not amount to more than would be necessary for erecting a separate building for the Professoral Hall; and in order to carry into effect this article, the Synod will have a collection taken up in each of the congregations under their care, and should this fail, or prove incompetent, then the Trustees shall take the requisite sum from the fund which they may have raised for the Professorate. 1807, p. 8-10.

### SEC. III. *Plan for the revival of Queen's College in 1825.*

1. The literary exercises of Queen's College are to be revived as early as practicable; and for that purpose the General Synod agree to allow the Trustees the use of such parts of their building in New Brunswick, lately purchased from the Trustees by Synod, as shall be designated and pointed out by the Professors as necessary for the said exercises during their continuance.

2. The Professors of the Theological College shall have such literary duties assigned them in Queen's College, by the General Synod, as the Synod shall deem best calculated to promote the mutual interest of both institutions.

3. The Trustees of Queen's College shall without delay appoint one Professor of Languages, and one Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, for said College; and may hereafter appoint such additional Professor or Professors, with the advice and consent of the General Synod, as may become necessary, and the funds and income of the College will warrant.

4. One of the Professors of the Theological College shall be appointed President of Queen's College by the Trustees thereof.

5. The income of the funds arising from the donations of Rev. E. Van Benschoten and Miss R. Knox, deceased, shall be applied to the support of indigent students in the literary and theological departments of the College, according to such regulations as the General Synod and Board of Trustees have established and may hereafter establish to carry into effect the benevolent intent of the donors.

6. The salaries of the Professor of Languages and Mathematics shall be paid by the Trustees out of the funds and tuition money of Queen's College; and the overplus, if any, shall be disposed of in such manner as the Trustees and General Synod shall mutually determine; but the concurrence of the General Synod shall be necessary to fix or alter the amount of said salaries.

7. The Trustees of Queen's College shall appoint the Treasurer of General Synod as *their* Treasurer, who shall have the care and custody of the funds exclusively belonging to Queen's College; and at the end of every session, or oftener if required, render a

full and correct statement of the state of said funds and income, and the payments by him made therefrom, and the objects to which the same have been applied, to the Board of Corporation of General Synod.

8. The General Synod shall pay the salaries of the Theological Professors, including the President of Queen's College, out of the funds or income of the Theological College, so far as shall be requisite after the payment by the Trustees of Queen's College of the annual proceeds of the Professoral fund to the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology; and in case the income of Queen's College shall at any time prove inadequate to pay the salaries of the Professor of Languages, and Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, the General Synod shall make up such deficiency.

9. The General Synod and Trustees shall each appoint three persons, who shall be called the Board of Superintendents of Queen's College, whose duty it shall be to advise with the Faculty, and prescribe the course of studies in said College, and all such regulations relative to the government and discipline thereof as they shall deem best calculated to promote its permanent interest and usefulness; and that the said Superintendents shall respectively hold their offices during the pleasure of those by whom they were appointed.

10. Should it so happen that the funds and income of Queen's College prove inadequate to sustain it, and the General Synod not have funds to spare for its support without impairing the funds of the Theological College, the General Synod reserves the power of dissolving the connection as above formed with Queen's College.

Your committee further recommend that, agreeable to the foregoing Articles of Union between the Trustees of Queen's College and the General Synod in their corporate capacity, the following shall be the outline of the plan according to which the literary institution shall be modelled:—

#### SEC. IV. *Outlines of the Literary Institution.*

##### I. OF THE COLLEGE.

1. The Board of Trustees shall make application at the next session of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, to change the name of the College from Queen's to *Rutgers*.

2. To render the course of education in Queen's College more beneficial, the whole number of pay students shall at no time exceed one hundred, who shall be divided into four classes, according to the mode adopted in other colleges.

##### II. OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The following shall be the branches assigned to the Professors of the Theological College in the literary department:—

The Professor of Didactic Theology to be Professor of Moral Philosophy and Evidences of Christianity.

The Professor of Biblical Literature to be Professor of Belles-Lettres, Elements of Criticism, and Logic.

The Professor of Church History to be Professor of Metaphysics and the Philosophy of the Human Mind.

2. The Professor of Languages in the literary department shall attend to the instruction of the students in the Theological College in the grammatical knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek languages.

3. The President, Professors and Tutors shall compose the Faculty of the College, to whom shall be committed the administration of the government in the literary department, according to such rules and regulations as the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College shall prescribe; and shall have power to decide in all matters of discipline, and to inflict such punishment upon offending members as a majority of the whole may determine and the said rules and regulations require.

4. The salary of the Professor of Languages and the Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy shall be fixed at \$1500 per annum.

### III. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The General Synod and the Board of Trustees, deeply sensible of the importance of instilling the principles of Christianity into the minds of the rising generation, and to this end to render the Institution under their care most beneficial to the community, by promoting the interest of morals and religion as well as the progress of science, mutually determine that besides the literary exercises during the week, to be prescribed by the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, and regular attendance morning and evening upon prayers by the students in both departments, there shall be—

1. On every Lord's day, at such time of the day as the Faculty may determine, a recitation of all the students in the literary department in the Bible, in such manner and form as the said Faculty may require.

2. These recitations shall be conducted by the President in the presence of all the Theological Professors and Professor of Languages, or by the President and Professors alternately, as the President may require.

3. In addition to the biblical recitation, there shall be on each Lord's day one discourse delivered in the Theological Hall, by one of the Theological Professors, or the Professor of Languages, if he be a minister, at which it shall be the duty of all the students in the College to attend.

4. It will be desirable that, as soon as may be, the public discourses in the Theological Hall by the said Professors on the Lord's day shall consist of courses of lectures on the fundamental doctrines and principles of the Christian religion, sanctioned and received by the Reformed Churches, and adapted, as far as may be, to the students in the literary department.

5. The students in the literary department, besides attending on



public exercises in the Theological Hall on each Lord's day, shall attend, during the remainder of the day, at any church in the city of New Brunswick which they may choose.

#### IV. DIVISION OF THE COLLEGE YEAR.

1. The Collegiate year shall be divided into three sessions or terms of study, which shall be the same in both departments.

2. The first session shall commence on the 15th of September, and shall continue to the 21st of December.

The second shall commence January 7th, and continue to April 7th.

The third shall begin May the 1st, and continue to the third Wednesday of July, when the annual commencement shall take place. If any of these dates should fall upon a Sabbath, then the sessions to commence on the Monday following.

#### SEC. V. *Alterations in the foregoing plan.*

1. That part of the foregoing covenant which requires that the President of the College shall be a Theological Professor, be abrogated, and that no Theological Professor shall hereafter be the President of the College. Vol. V., p. 313.

2. It is recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College to appoint a President of said Institution as early as practicable. Vol. V., p. 405.

3. It is highly expedient that the salaries of the Professors of the College should be reduced, so that the excess, together with other means, may be appropriated to the support of a President *Ibid.*

4. The following shall be the plan of the Professoral duties :

The President shall teach the Evidences of Christianity and the higher branches of Rhetoric.

The Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

The Professor of Languages, Latin and Greek Languages.

The Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry and Experimental Philosophy, &c.

The Theological Professors are requested to continue to the College such services as they have heretofore rendered, or such services, not interfering with their duties in the Theological Seminary, as may be agreed upon between them and the Trustees. Vol. V., pp. 315, 405.

5. In the opinion of this Synod, the efficiency of the College depends mainly upon the wise and energetic administration of its affairs by the Board of Trustees, and to the said Board the Synod refer its whole administration, embracing the appointment of Professors and Instructors, providing and disbursing the funds of the College, and controlling and directing its concerns generally; and the Synod repeals on its part all former action on this subject, which may or can interfere with the tenor of this resolution. Vol. V., p. 405.

6. It is recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College, to make immediate efforts to increase the endowments of the College, and their efforts are commended to the favorable regard of all the friends of the Reformed Dutch Church. Vol. V., p. 405.

## CHAP. XII.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

#### SEC. I. *The order of judicial business.*

1. Any appeal, complaint, or other judicial business, which shall be presented or reported to the Synod, shall be first referred, with all the papers and documents appertaining thereto, to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, who shall inquire whether the same has been regularly brought before the Synod, and whether all the constitutional steps in the case have been taken, and, if the same shall be found in order, they shall digest and arrange all the papers and documents connected therewith, that the subsequent proceedings in the case before the Synod may be regular and systematic; provided, nevertheless, that the said committee shall be required to report upon every matter may be referred to them.

2. Whenever any case thus reported shall be taken up for trial, the President shall solemnly announce from the chair that the Synod is about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business, and enjoin on the members to recollect and regard their character as judges of the highest court of Jesus Christ on earth, known to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church; after which it shall not be in order, during the pending of such trial, to transact any legislative business bearing on the case.

3. In recording their decision it shall be the duty of the court who have tried any judicial business in the original case, or by appeal, to set forth at length the reasons thereof, that the record may exhibit, as far as practicable, everything that had an influence on their judgment; a certified copy of which, with the act of proceeding appealed from, shall be sent up by them to the court to whom the appeal may be taken. Such inferior court shall also be permitted to send a commissioner to the Synod, for the purpose of making any explanations relative to said case, it being expressly understood that in every case the original parties be not lost sight of in any stage of trial.

4. In taking up an appeal, after having ascertained that the appellant has conducted it regularly, the following shall be the order of trial:—

(1.) The sentence appealed from shall be read.

(2.) The appeal and reasons of appeal shall be read.

(3.) All the documents in the case shall be read, in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

(4.) The original parties shall be heard, commencing with the appellant.

(5.) The commissioner of the inferior judicatory which has tried the appeal may be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, and of the manner of their proceeding in the case.

(6.) The appellant may be heard in reply.

5. After all the parties shall have been fully heard, and all the information gained by the Synod which shall be deemed necessary, the parties shall withdraw, when the roll shall be called, that every member may have an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, after which the final vote may be taken.

6. The decision may be either to confirm or reverse, in whole or in part, the judgment of the inferior judicatory, or to remit the cause with instructions or for a new trial.

7. In the trial of all judicial business brought before the Synod, by complaint or reference, the same order of proceeding shall be observed, as far as practicable, as in cases of appeal, but no complaint shall be entertained unless notice of the same shall have been given before the rising of the judicatory whose act is complained of, or within ten days thereafter. Vol. V., pp. 253, 254.

## SEC. II. *Lower judicatories must act under the laws.*

*Resolved*, That every inferior judicatory is bound to act under the laws of the Church, until they shall have been regularly and constitutionally changed. Vol. V., p. 504.

## SEC. III. *The mode of dissolving a church relation.*

It is an established principle of church government, that the relation subsisting between a church and its members can be dissolved only by death or dismissal, or an act of discipline. Withdrawing is, therefore, out of the question. 1824, p. 46.

## SEC. IV. *The Synod will not legislate on abstract questions.*

Application for advice having been made by a Classis, in relation to a certain case, the Synod declared itself decidedly of the opinion, that it is wholly inexpedient to legislate upon abstract questions, and adopted this resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this Synod do not consider it proper to express their opinion in the case, and leave the Classis to adopt such measures, in accordance with the discipline of the Church, as in their wisdom they may think proper. 1824, p. 46.

## SEC. V. *Ministers and members, on removing, to transfer their relation within one year.*

1. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on ministers to transfer their Classical relation to the Classis within whose bounds they may at any time remove, within one year after the time of such removal.

2. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on members of our churches, to transfer their relation to the church in our connection or in correspondence with us, within whose bounds they may remove, within one year after their removal, if such removal place them from under the supervision of the Church of their previous connection. Vol. III., p. 366.

#### SEC. VI. *Deputati Synodi.*

*Resolved*, That whenever a *deputatus*, regularly notified, finds himself unable to attend, that he be bound to give notice of the same, as soon as practicable, to the President of Classis. Vol. V., p. 59.

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the church at whose call the Classis shall convene to attend an examination, to pay the necessary expenses of the *deputatus*, that this consideration may not operate to embarrass him in the discharge of his duty. Vol. IV., p. 496; Vol. I., 1797, p. 7; 1815, p. 73.

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be directed to yield a strict compliance to the rule of the Constitution, in relation to the presence of a *deputatus* at examinations. Vol. V., p. 58.

#### SEC. VII. *The subjects of baptism.*

1. The right or privilege of infant baptism doth not rest upon what is called full communion, nor is the partaking of the Lord's Supper, by one or both of the parents, an indispensable test for admitting infants to be baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church.

2. In avoiding one extreme which straitens admission into the Church of Christ, by making a test not commanded in the word of God, it is necessary to watch against the opposite evil, which makes no distinction between the pure and vile, and which, by an indiscriminate administration to all who apply, relaxes Christian discipline and prostitutes the sacred ordinance of baptism. The General Synod, therefore, recommend and enjoin that when both the parents openly profess such errors or heresies, or are chargeable with such immoralities and improper conduct as ought, if they were in full communion, to exclude them from the table of the Lord, they shall not, during such apostasy in doctrine or manners, be permitted to present their infants to baptism; but shall be denied that privilege until they profess repentance and show amendment. When one of the parents shall be thus guilty, and the other is a decent and peaceable professor of the religion of Jesus Christ, the infant shall be baptized at the request and upon the right of the professing parent, who alone shall stand and present the child. And lastly, where the minister and one or more of the elders find great ignorance in the parents, and such a want of knowledge in the first principles of our holy religion as to render them unfit to make a public profession of their faith, it shall be their duty to withhold them for a time, notwithstanding their decent moral conduct and profession, and frequently and affectionately

instruct them previous to their admission to the ordinance, that thus, if possible, the confession and vows at the baptism of their infants may be made with knowledge, sincerity and truth. 1804, p. 6. (See, also, 1816, p. 25, and Vol. IV., p. 287.)

#### SEC. VIII. *Ministers without charge.*

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be advised to the utmost strictness, in requiring ministers not declared *Emeriti*, or disabled by infirmity, or conscientiously engaged in the education of youth, diligently to exercise their sacred functions, and to command those who, without good reason, have engaged in worldly business, if any such there be, that they return to their duty, under penalty of the discipline enjoined by the Church for such offences. Vol. VII., 1846, p. 68.

#### SEC. IX. *Candidates.*

1. Every candidate upon coming within the bounds of any Classis, shall, after the first Sabbath, call on a Standing Committee of Appointments, which shall be made by said Classis, and receive instructions before he proceed to preach in their vacancies.

2. Each Classis shall enter upon their Minutes a lemma respecting candidates, and every candidate shall be bound (if practicable) to attend the meeting of the Classis under whose jurisdiction he may at any time be found. Vol. I., 1797, p. 11.

#### SEC. X. *Professor of Theology.*

Whereas, it is necessary that the ecclesiastical relation of the Professor of Theology should be clearly ascertained and settled by General Synod, as well for the information and guidance of the Professor, as of the several judicatories of the Church; therefore,

*Resolved*, That, by the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Professor of Theology, as such, has no relation to or connection with any particular Classis, and is amenable only to the General Synod, whose officer he is, and of course must take a regular dismission from the church and Classis to which he belonged; but whenever he shall sustain, or with the consent of the General Synod assume, the pastoral charge of a congregation, he will, as pastor, stand on the same footing respecting the Classis with which such congregation is connected, as any other minister of a congregation. Vol. I., 1814.

#### SEC. XI. *Rights of ministers in collegiate churches.*

In answer to the question, "whether in collegiate and chartered churches the ministers have, or have not, a vote and a seat in the consistories of such churches?" Synod advised that, for preserving peace and harmony in the respective churches, each consistory to whom the question applies, inquire into their practice in times past, and adhere strictly to the same in all time to come, without attempting to introduce any alteration or innovation. 1797, p. 13.

SEC. XII. *What is included in the term "Constitution."*

The term "Constitution," as prefixed to our revised system of Church government, although it properly includes the rules of Church government, is more comprehensive in its import. In the words of the preface to our former book, "To the Constitution of a Church appertain its *doctrines, mode of worship* and government." The Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church then includes, 1st. The revised rules of Church government. 2d. Her doctrinal standards, consisting of the Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism and Compendium, and the Canons of the Synod of Dort. 3d. The Liturgy. Vol. IV., pp. 425, 426.

## CHAP. XIII.

## DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

SEC. I. *On the marriage of a deceased wife's sister.*

Whereas, the rule prohibiting the marriage of a man with his deceased wife's sister is found only in resolutions passed by General Synod at its previous sessions, (see Vol. I., 1797, p. 12; 1815, p. 32; 1816, p. 23; Vol. III., p. 59,) and not in the Constitution of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; and whereas, a majority of the Classes have reported against such rule, therefore,

*Resolved*, That all resolutions which may have been passed by the General Synod, forbidding a man to marry his deceased wife's sister, be and hereby are rescinded. Vol. VI., p. 221.

SEC. II. *On dancing.*

Whereas, the mingling in promiscuous assemblies for the purpose of engaging in the amusement of dancing, as usually conducted, is exclusively worldly in its nature and tendency; and, on the part of professors of religion, is calculated to dissipate seriousness, unfit the mind for devotion, and lower the dignity and spirituality of the Christian character and profession; is adverse to the growth of grace and the abiding influence of the Holy Spirit in the churches; is calculated to conform the Church to the world, grieve and offend its members, and place a stumbling-block in the way of the conversion of sinners; while such practice is generally regarded in the light of a dividing line between the Church and the world; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod regard it as inconsistent with the nature and design of the Christian profession, and ought neither to be indulged in by professors of religion nor countenanced in others.

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined on pastors and consistories, with

all kindness and fidelity, and by all suitable means, to discountenance the practice of this and all similar amusements at variance with the dignity and sobriety of Christian deportment. Vol. VI., p. 344.

### SEC. III. *Catechetical instruction.*

Whereas, it appears from the statistical tables of the different Classes that catechetical instruction is greatly neglected in certain sections of the Church, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the different Classes be directed to give their special attention to this subject, so that, as far as possible, the youth in all our congregations may enjoy the benefit of pastoral catechetical instruction, according to the provisions of the standards of our Church. Vol. V., pp. 59, 60.

### SEC. IV. *Intemperance.*

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the General Synod in 1828: *Resolved*—

1. That the principle adopted by many individuals and societies in different parts of the country for the suppression of intemperance, viz., total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits, excepting only its use as a medicine, meets with the decided approbation of this Synod.

2. That it is therefore earnestly recommended to the members of our churches that they entirely refrain from the use of ardent spirits, except as above-mentioned.

3. That it be requested of all our ministers and churches to inculcate the said principle, not only by example but by precept, and especially among the rising generation, and to diffuse such information as may be deemed best calculated to effect the object.

4. That it be recommended to our churches, ministers, and individual Christians, to promote the cause of temperance by the formation of societies, or by such other measures as may be thought best adapted to the end.

5. That, as without God we can do nothing, the prayers of all Christians be requested for his blessing upon the means used, and for the putting forth of his power for the suppression of intemperance. Vol. III., p. 133.

### SEC. V. *Sabbath observance.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod regard with deep interest the extensive and awful profanation of the Sabbath in this country.

*Resolved*, That this Synod consider the running of public stages and steamboats and canal-boats on the Sabbath a gross profanation of that holy day, and that the members of our churches and congregations be and hereby are earnestly solicited to discourage, both by counsel and example, all such travelling on the Sabbath-day.

*Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to our different Classes and congregations to take the subject of the Sabbath into

their serious consideration, and to devise such measures as may, under the divine blessing, prevent the profanation and promote the sanctification of the Sabbath-day. Vol. III., pp. 73, 114, 262; Vol. VI., p. 192.

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## CHAP. XIV.

### OF THE WIDOWS' FUND.

In relation to legislation on the subject of the Widows' Fund, previously to the publication of the plan in 1839, see 1809, p. 23; 1813, pp. 11, 12; 1814, pp. 48, 49, 53; 1822, p. 66; 1823, p. 61; 1824, p. 60; 1826, p. 61; Vol. III., pp. 208, 300; Vol. IV., pp. 400, 436, 529; Vol. V., pp. 87, 88, 180, 189, 190, 295. The plan, as published in 1839, was afterwards somewhat amended. It is now as follows:—

1. The Fund shall be called "The Fund for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, and the Widows and Children of Ministers of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," and shall be administered by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of said Church, during the pleasure and under the control of General Synod.

2. Every minister of the Reformed Dutch Church may secure a full interest in the fund, by the payment of twenty dollars annually. Payments of ten dollars, or of five dollars annually, shall entitle subscribers to a proportionate benefit from the fund. Neglect of payment for one year to be a forfeiture of privilege. Interest, however, shall at all times be required after six months. Payments at one time of a sum, the interest of which at four per cent. per annum shall amount to twenty dollars, or to ten dollars, or five dollars per annum, shall give a claim upon the fund in the same manner as if those amounts were paid annually; and in this case the amount of the original payment may, at the death or disability of the minister, be withdrawn without impairing the right of benefit from the fund. Ministers interested in the fund shall at all times be at liberty to relinquish such interest and withdraw the amount of money actually paid by them, without interest, by giving nine months' notice to the Treasurer, which, in case of annual payments, shall be taken from the income, and not from the principal of the fund. Ministers leaving our Church shall be subjected to the same rule in the withdrawal of their subscriptions.

3. Payments made by ministers, and donations, when so specially directed by the donor, shall be considered income; all other donations and the collections in the churches shall be considered principal, and the interest only used as income. Consistories may, at their pleasure, direct their contributions, collections and donations



to apply in whole or in part to the credit of their own or any other minister they may designate.

4. No money belonging to this fund shall be loaned (except on temporary loan with collateral security) unless secured by bond and mortgage on real estate. The moneys belonging to this fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds of Synod.

5. The officers of the Board of Corporation shall be the officers of the trust—the Treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income and make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to General Synod at each of its annual meetings; his accounts to be audited by a committee of the Board of Corporation.

6. The maximum amount to be paid to parties interested in the fund shall be—to a minister disabled by sickness or age, two hundred dollars per annum; to the widow of a deceased minister, two hundred dollars per annum; to children of clergymen, both whose parents have deceased, seventy-five dollars per annum, each, until they attain the age of sixteen years. Should the income, upon due experiment, be found to admit it, this maximum may hereafter be increased. When but one payment has been made, the maximum of the annuity allowed shall be seventy-five dollars. When two annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity allowed shall be one hundred dollars. When three annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be one hundred and fifty dollars. When four annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be one hundred and seventy-five dollars; and where payments have been made for five years and upwards, the maximum annuity shall be as above stated, two hundred dollars—the widows and children of such to receive respectively according to this gradation.

As long as the income is sufficient to pay each claimant the maximum annuity, the maximum shall be allowed; but should the income not be sufficient, then the whole income shall be divided among the claimants in proportion to their claims.

It is expressly understood that in all the above cases, to entitle the applicants to their annuities, the payment of subscriptions must be continued regularly until they cease, by the operation of the principles herein contained.

7. A widow of a minister contracting marriage, forfeits her claim to the annuity—but in such case the children under sixteen years of age shall be entitled to their annuities, as though both parents had deceased.

8. In disbursing the income of the fund, where a minister is the applicant, he shall be required to produce a certificate from his Classis, or other satisfactory evidence, declaring that by reason of sickness, old age, or other providential cause, he is incapable of service.

Where a widow is an applicant, like satisfactory evidence of the decease of her husband, and the date thereof, shall be required.

When children, both whose parents have deceased, are concerned, like evidence of the death of their parents, and of their own age, shall be required.

9. The payments to annuitants shall be made half yearly ; to ministers, commencing with the date of their incapacity for service ; to widows, from the death of their husbands ; and to children, from the death of their last surviving parent.

The Treasurer's books, on authentic vouchers, shall furnish the evidence of the payment of subscriptions.

Annuitants shall be admitted to the benefit of the fund by a vote of the Trustees of the fund, or a committee especially appointed for that purpose.

10. Alterations may be made in the rules relating to the general management of the fund, by a vote of two-thirds of the paying subscribers thereto ; but the plan, in its essential principles relating to a civil compact between each subscriber and the General Synod, as the contracting parties, cannot be altered without the consent of every paying subscriber.

11. These rules are adopted and confirmed by Synod, as the system for the management of the Widows' Fund.

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## CHAP. XV.

### OF THE FUNDS OF THE CHURCH.

See *Annual Digest*.

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## CHAP. XVI.

### CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

#### SEC. I. *Essential and non-essential customs.*

Synod adopted the following report :—

Agreeably to the resolutions of the Particular Synod of New York, in May last, Art. 11th, under the lemma, *Customs and Usages* ; and also Art. 27th, under the lemma, *Instructions to Delegates* : The first resolution requiring " that the President inquire of the delegates of the different Classes present, whether such customs and usages as are tested by long experience to be for edification, and whether the injunction of watching against innovations, are attended to in the respective churches under their care." The second resolution requiring " that our delegates to General Synod be directed to inquire of that body, to what particular objects the inquiries respecting customs and usages are to be directed by the different Classes." Your committee beg leave to report, that those customs and usages which were deemed neces-

sary to be continued in the Church, are expressed in the explanatory articles of the Constitution ; such as singing the psalms and hymns approved of, and recommended by General Synod ; preaching from the Heidelberg Catechism ; observing the forms in the administration of baptism and the Lord's Supper, &c., as contained in our Liturgy, &c. That other customs and usages prevail in the Church which are deemed non-essential, and in many instances are either wholly dispensed with or partially retained in our congregations, according to the taste or circumstances of pastors or people ; such as the arrangements observed in the performance of public worship ; the number of times singing psalms and hymns ; reading sermons, and preaching them from memory or extemporaneously ; sprinkling in baptism, one or three times ; sitting or standing in receiving the Lord's Supper ; preaching on Ascension Day, Good Friday, and other days which have long been observed both in Holland and America, &c. Your committee observe that those customs and usages which are deemed essential and constitutional, are preserved pure and entire by the different Classes ; and we observe likewise, that those which are considered non-essential are dispensed with or retained and altered, according to the taste or circumstances of different ministers and congregations. 1814, pp. 31, 32.

## SEC. II. *Of the forms of the Church.*

The following report was adopted :—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the use of the forms by our churches, beg leave to report ; that in the third chapter of the Constitution, article first, under the head of Customs and Usages, they find this subject is legislated upon as far as at present is necessary or expedient. Uniformity in our modes and forms of worship, so far as the same is obviously contemplated by the Constitution, your committee believe to be important, and ought to be required of all our churches ; and they recommend that the several Classes be enjoined to adopt prompt measures to secure the observance of these forms in all the churches under their care. Vol. V., p. 389.

## SEC. III. *Religious exercises during the meetings of General Synod.*

*Resolved*, That the afternoon of the first day of every stated session of General Synod be hereafter devoted to exercises of prayer and praise. Vol. III., p. 183.

## SEC. IV. *Statistical reports to be regularly and fully made.*

Whereas, it is important that the statistical reports from our churches shall be regularly made to Synod, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this subject be earnestly recommended to the attention of all our Classes and churches.

*Resolved*, That whenever any of the churches shall be delin-

quent in making their statistical reports, the Classis be advised to supply such neglect by inserting the last report from said churches, and add a note of explanation of this fact.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be requested to send, annually, a copy of their statistical reports to the Stated Clerk of General Synod. Vol. III., p. 183.

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## CHAP. XVII.

### PARTICULARIA.

#### SEC. I. *Union of Church and State.*

*Resolved*, That that part of the 36th article of the Confession of Faith, as now printed, which declares that it belongs to the office of the civil magistrate "to protect the holy Church service, and to prevent and extirpate all idolatry and false worship; to destroy the kingdom of Antichrist; to promote the kingdom of Jesus Christ, and to take care that the word of the gospel be preached everywhere, that God may be honored and worshipped by every one as he commands in his word, is sufficiently explained in the preface of the Constitution and 35th explanatory article.

*Resolved*, That the Reformed Dutch Church deprecates any union between Church and State as alike detrimental to the interests of vital piety, and dangerous to that liberty of conscience which is now enjoyed by the citizens of our happy Republic.

*Resolved*, That the results of experience in this country abundantly prove that the Church needs no other support than the piety of its members and the grace of Christ. Vol. IV., pp. 438-9.

#### SEC. II. *Funeral service.*

A form for this service having been introduced to the attention of Synod, "after mature deliberation the motion passed in the negative, as far as it respects the limitation to any prescribed form; but the Synod approve of speaking a word in season, either at the grave or in the house, or the church, and to close the solemnity with a prayer and benediction. 1812, p. 34.

#### SEC. III. *Days of special humiliation and prayer.*

*Resolved*, That whenever, in any of our churches, religion is in a low and declining state, it is recommended as a very important duty, and under the divine blessing made the means for the revival of religion, to observe the season usually set apart preparatory to the administration of the Lord's Supper for the purposes of special humiliation and prayer. 1826, p. 36.

SEC. IV. *Psalm and Hymn-book.*

In the year 1812, the Rev. Dr. Livingston was appointed to make a selection of psalms and hymns for the use of the churches. At the meeting of the Synod held in June, 1813, this selection was submitted, when the following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this selection be forthwith published and introduced into public worship in all our churches. And the General Synod recommend the same to all families and individuals within their communion, to be adopted instead of the book which has hitherto been in use. Vol. I., 1813, p. 16.

In the year 1831, a selection of additional hymns was submitted to the Synod by a committee previously appointed for that purpose; when it was

*Resolved*, That the additional hymns reported by the committee appointed by Synod in 1830 be accepted, ordered to be published as a second book of hymns, and authorized to be used by the churches in the same manner as the Psalms and Hymns now in use.

*Resolved*, That all future editions of the Psalm-book shall contain the additional hymns, together with the canons of the Church.

*Resolved*, That a separate edition of the additional hymns be published, and that the Board of Direction of the Corporation be directed to take out separate copyrights for each of the books and authorize their publication. Vol. III., p. 313.

Another selection of additional hymns was submitted to Synod in 1846, by a committee previously appointed, when the following was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the work of the committee be approved, and that they be authorized to complete the same and prepare the whole for publication as speedily as convenient.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered to carry out the necessary arrangements for the printing, when the committee shall have consummated their work.

*Resolved*, That the committee be directed to attach an alphabetical index to the new edition of the hymns.

*Resolved*, That a separate edition of the new hymns be forthwith prepared, for the immediate use of the churches. Vol. VII., p. 96.

At the session of June, 1848, arrangements were made, by the following resolutions, for the republication of the book previously in use:—

Whereas difficulties exist in the minds of many in regard to the new Hymn-book, and some of the churches desire the privilege of still retaining the use of the old book, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered to make the best possible arrangement with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, for re-stereotyping and publishing an edition of the former Book of Psalms and Hymns, as the same was in use in the Church previous to 1847.

*Resolved*, That in case no satisfactory arrangement can be made with the aforesaid publishers, yet inasmuch as the copyright of the old book has run out, the Synod conceive that it would be the right of any publisher to issue an edition of the same, and this Synod will interpose no obstacle in the way of such publication, and the churches will be at full liberty to use the same.

*Resolved*, That all future editions of Psalms and Hymns, of both the old book and the new, shall contain the Catechisms, Confession of Faith, Articles of the Synod of Dort, and Liturgy of the Church, as heretofore embraced in the Psalm and Hymn-book.

#### SEC. V. *Minutes of Particular Synod.*

*Resolved*, That the Particular Synods of New York and Albany be requested to cause that at least six copies of their Minutes, from year to year, be laid on the table of the General Synod at every stated meeting. 1819, p. 51.

In 1827 the number of copies to be transmitted was increased to ten. Vol. III., p. 77.

#### SEC. VI. *Psalm-book not to be a source of profit.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod regards the general diffusion of our book of Psalms and Hymns as an object much more desirable than any pecuniary profits that may be derived from the publication or sale of the book, to whatever object these profits may be devoted.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be requested to effect the reduction of the price of our Psalm-book as soon as practicable. Vol. IV., p. 439. See also Vol. VII., p. 96.

#### SEC. VII. *Sacred music.*

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to our several Classes to pursue such measures as they in their wisdom shall judge best for exciting attention to sacred music, in order to elevate its standard in their respective churches.

*Resolved*, also, That the introduction of music in our district schools be recommended. Vol. V., p. 421. See also Vol. IV., p. 533, and Vol. V., pp. 89-92.

#### SEC. VIII. *The Act of the New York Legislature in regard to religious incorporations.*

*Resolved*, 1. That this General Synod consider the Act of the Legislature as opposed to the practice, injurious to the interests, and subversive of the Constitution and rules of government of the Reformed Dutch Church.

2. That all our churches be, and they are hereby enjoined against adopting the provisions of said Act, and that the churches which have already adopted them be directed to dispense with them and adhere to the Constitution and orders of the Church.

3. That the Elders, P. D. Vroom, Stephen Van Rensselaer, John

D. Keese and Abraham Van Nest, and the Rev. Andrew Yates, D. D., be appointed a committee to confer with the church at whose request it was passed, and those churches which may have adopted its provisions, as to the expediency of requesting its repeal. Vol. IV., 1835, p. 437, 8.

This committee reported the next year (1836) that they had met with a committee of the consistory of the church referred to, and had had a full and free conference with them in relation to the Act and the expediency of procuring its repeal, but had not been able to come to any specific agreement or understanding :

Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That this General Synod do still entertain the opinion expressed at their last meeting, as to the effect of the law upon the Constitution of our Church and its permanent welfare. And they do most earnestly and affectionately advise and recommend to the congregations and consistories that have availed themselves of its provisions, to adopt such measures in relation to it as will best tend to remove existing embarrassments, promote the harmony and order of our Zion, and preserve the purity of its principles and faith. Vol. IV., p. 533.

#### SEC. IX. *The name and style of the Church.*

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Synod has been incorporated by the name and style of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, that the Stated Clerk of General Synod be directed hereafter to record and use this name and style in the minutes, accordingly. Vol. V., p. 421.

#### SEC. X. *The Van Benschoten bequest.*

The following communication was received in 1814 from the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten :—

“The donor has a mind to bestow thirteen thousand eight hundred and forty dollars in obligations, and eight hundred in cash, to the Trustees of Queen’s College, in New Jersey, in trust, on the following terms, viz. : The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in America to appoint a committee, and said Trustees to appoint one also. The two committees jointly to devise the best plan and most solid foundation to put out said money to interest, which the giver reserves to himself during his life ; but after his decease the Trustees to use and apply said interest for the support and education, in the classical and theological studies, of pious youth who hope they have a call of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ : no one is to be admitted to said benefit but such as are recommended by General Synod. If the interest of what is now offered, and what in future may be added by him and others, should accumulate above the forementioned education, such overplus the Trustees, with the advice and consent of General Synod, may then use and apply to such other purposes as shall most tend to the good of the Institution and the benefit of literature ; who are to render an account to General Synod, when they require it.

The giver humbly desires that these terms be recorded in the record of General Synod, and in the record of the Particular Synods, and in the records of all the Classes belonging to General Synod; and to be read in the said judicatories at their ordinary meetings; not for aggrandizement or self-ostentation, but to be an humble pattern for others to copy after; if the thing being so kept alive and considered, who knows whether God in his good providence would not move some to do the like.

It will also be the pleasure and delight of him, the bestower, and others, that all officers of the College live frugal and industrious, and thus set a good pattern to their pupils; and all ecclesiastical officers deport themselves diligent, frugal and pious before those over whom they are set for edification; thus to prepare not only for heaven, but also for the approaching millennium, the commencement of which may be at a farther distance than the present living. It is also the humble and sincere request of the donor, that the above said officers exhibit no special inclination for luxury and accumulation of wealth, which is offensive and bars the door of donation. On the said terms and recommendations, the giver is willing to bestow as before-mentioned.

ELIAS V. BENSCHOTEN.

*New York, June 9, 1814.*

It is my wish, and I therefore recommend it to the Trustees within named, to require such retribution as they shall deem just and reasonable from any person who shall obtain the benefit of the within-mentioned fund, and who may become able to make such retribution.

ELIAS V. BENSCHOTEN.

*June 9, 1814.*

Whereupon, it was *Resolved*—

1. That the Rev. Messrs. Rowan and Cornelison, and the Elders, Messrs. Vroom and Tunison, be the committee to confer with a like committee of the Board of Trustees, on the second Tuesday of July next, in New Brunswick.

2. That the communication of the Rev. Mr. Van Benschoten be inserted on the Minutes of this Synod, and that each of the Particular Synods, and of the Classes belonging to this Synod, be instructed to insert the same on their Minutes and to read it at their ordinary sessions.

3. That a committee be appointed to prepare a receipt, and also a letter to the Rev. Mr. Van Benschoten, in which shall be expressed the grateful sentiments of this Synod.

This committee reported a draught of a receipt and letter as ordered, which was adopted, signed by the officers of Synod, and handed to the Rev. Mr. Van Benschoten. 1814, p. 14.

*Resolved*, That if at any time any vacancy should exist on the Van Benschoten Fund, and there should be no remaining names on the list specifically recommended by General Synod, that in such case the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College be authorized to select any name from the beneficiaries under the care of the Board of Education to fill said vacancy. Vol. V., p. 78.



SEC. XI. *Report on the State of Religion to be read from the pulpit.*

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the different ministers to read from their pulpits the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion; and also such parts of the Report of the Committee on the Professorate as they shall consider important to be known by all the churches, upon the first Sabbath after the printed Minutes shall be received, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Vol. III., p. 210.

SEC. XII. *Articles of Union.*

For a number of years previously to 1771, a most unhappy controversy existed in the Church, which divided it into two parties, called Cœtus and Conferentie. It related chiefly to the question of the right of ordination and Church authority. The Cœtus party held, that in consequence of the inconvenience of sending to Holland for ministers, and the increase of the churches in this country, this power should be exercised by the ministers of the Church already in America, and that for this purpose there should be a regular organization of the churches into Classes and Synods, as was the case in Holland, to whom should appertain all the rights and privileges belonging to such ecclesiastical bodies in the mother country. The Conferentie party, on the other hand, maintained that all ministers should be ordained in Holland, and sent forth under the authority of the Classis of Amsterdam, or by their permission. The controversy was carried on with great warmth and vehemence, and caused most serious trouble in almost every congregation. In many places the members of the different parties would not worship together, or even speak to each other. Measures were eventually taken for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation. And in the year 1771 a meeting was held, which happily resulted in a settlement of the existing difficulties, and in the formation and approbation of Articles of Union between the two conflicting parties. The Minutes of this meeting, containing these Articles of Union, are as follows:—

## ARTICLES OF UNION.

*Acts of the Reverend Assembly of Ministers and Elders of the Reformed Low Dutch Churches in the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, convened in the city of New York, on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th days of October, 1771, at the friendly request of the Rev. Consistory of New York, for the purpose of procuring Peace and Unity to said Churches.*

## SESSION I.

ART. I. *Arrival and introduction of the members of this Reverend Assembly.*

The Rev. brethren having arrived and being convened, were solemnly welcomed by the Rev. John H. Livingston, S. S. T. D. and minister in New York. After which the Rev. Lambertus De

Ronde, being especially appointed for that purpose by the Rev. consistory of New York, and in their name, solemnly thanked the assembly in the presence of a great number of hearers, in an excellent and edifying sermon, from Ephesians vi. 23, delivered in the old Dutch church, for their willingness to assemble for the above end, accompanied with earnest exhortations to peace and unity, as also with suitable and humble supplications for the attainment and establishment of the long wished for unity of the Low Dutch churches in this country.

ART. II. *Names of the members present.*

The names being promiscuously taken, the following persons were found to be present, viz. :—

*Poughkeepsie and Fishkill*—Rev. Isaac Rysdyk, Mr. Richard Snediker, Elder.

*Kings County*—Rev. Johannes Casparus Rubell, Mr. E. Lott, Elder.

*English Neighborhood*—Rev. G. Lydecker, Mr. Michael Moore, Elder.

*Kings County*—Rev. Ulpianus Van Sinderen, Mr. J. Rapelyea, Elder.

*Brunswick*—Rev. Johannes Leydt, Mr. H. Vischer, Elder.

*Hackensack and Schralenburg*—Rev. Warmoldus Kuypers, Mr. Garret Demarest, Elder.

*Catskill and Cxsackie*—Rev. Johannes Schureman.

*Bergen and Staten Island*—Rev. William Jackson, Mr. Abraham Sickels, Elder.

*Kingston*—Rev. Harmanus Meyer.

*Marbletown and Rochester*—Rev. Derick Romeyn, Mr. Levi Paulding, Elder.

*Millstone and Shannick*—Rev. Johannes M. Van Harlingen, Mr. Jacobus Van Arsdalen, Elder.

*Gravesend and Harlem*—Rev. Martinus Schoonmaker, Mr. Johannes Sickels, Elder.

*Hackensack and Schralenburg*—Rev. Johannes H. Goetchius, Messrs. Peter Zabriskie and Daniel Horning, Elders.

*Paramus*—Rev. Benjamin Vander Linde, Mr. Stephen Zabriskie, Elder.

*Old Raritan*—Rev. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Mr. Cornelius Vander Meulen, Elder.

*Tappan*—Rev. Samuel Verbryk, Mr. Roelef Van Houton, Elder.

*Albany*—Rev. Eilardus Westerlo, Mr. H. Gansevoort, Elder.

*New York*—Rev. Lambertus De Ronde, Rev. Archibald Laidlie, D. D., Rev. John H. Livingston, D. D., Messrs. Jacobus Van Zandt, Isaac Rosevelt, Evert Byvank, Cornelius Zebring, Elders.

*Acquakenonk*—Rev. David Marinus, Mr. Gerbrand Jurian, Elder.

*Freehold and Middletown*—Rev. Benjamin Dubois, Mr. Aart Sipken, Elder.

*Kingston*—Messrs. Jacobus Eltinge, Adrian Wynkoop, Elders.  
*Harlem*—Mr. Adolph Meyer, Elder.

ART. III. *Absent ministers and elders.*

With respect to absent ministers and elders, who were invited, we have reason to believe that the greater part have been hindered from attending by family inconveniences.

ART. IV. *Moderators.*

The Moderators were then chosen, viz., the Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston, minister in New York, as present Præses of the conciliating consistory of New York, and with the knowledge and approbation of his Rev. colleagues, was chosen President.

The Rev. Isaac Rysdyk, and the Rev. Eilardus Westerlo, Scribas.

ART. V. *Reading of the Classical letter.*

After a suitable and earnest prayer of the Rev. Præses, so much of the letter of the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, dated the 3d of October, 1768, as referred to this Rev. Assembly, was read by the Scriba.

ART. VI. *Appointment of a Committee.*

After which the Rev. Assembly, to avoid confusion, deemed it expedient that a committee of six ministers should be appointed, with their elders, out of this body—each party to choose their own members—viz., two ministers and elders of the Rev. Cætus; two ministers and elders of the Rev. Conferentie; and two ministers and elders of the Neutral Brethren; which committee should draw up, from the letters of the Rev. Classis, a formula of union that might serve as a foundation for the further deliberations of this Rev. Assembly.

SESSION II.

ART. VII. *Members of the Committee.*

The following persons were reported to the Rev. Assembly as appointed on the committee :—

*By the Rev. Conferentie*—Rev. Mr. De Ronde, Rev. Mr. Rysdyk, Messrs. Jacobus Van Zandt, Richard Snediker, Elders.

*By the Rev. Cætus*—Rev. Mr. Hardenbergh, Rev. Mr. Verbryk, Messrs. Vischer, Peter Zabriskie, Elders.

*By the Neutral Brethren*—Rev. J. H. Livingston, D. D., Rev. Eilardus Westerlo, Messrs. Rosevelt and Gansevoort, Elders.

SESSION III.

ART. VIII. *Formula of Union.*

The committee informed the Assembly that they had prepared a Plan of Union for the dissenting brethren, and had unanimously approved and subscribed the same, which they had the honor of

submitting to the decision of this Assembly. This plan was read, and afterwards examined and determined on, article by article. It reads, word for word, as follows :—

#### PRELIMINARIES.

Whereas certain misconceptions concerning the bond of union between the churches in this country and those in Holland have been the unhappy causes of the past troubles : in order, therefore, to prevent these in future, and in consequence of the advice and direction of the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, in their last letter to us, we unite ourselves in one body, and we agree with each other to regulate our church government and union with the mother Church in Holland in the following manner :—

#### ART. I. *Adherence to the Constitution of the Church.*

We adhere, in all things, to the Constitution of the Netherland Reformed Church, as the same was established in the Church orders of the Synod of Dordrecht, in the years 1618 and 1619.

#### ART. II. *Consistories.*

The Consistories shall always be appointed, and their business conducted, agreeably to the Constitution of the Netherland churches.

#### ART. III. *Organization of the superior Church judicatories.*

In addition to the above, we organize or establish, according to the counsel and advice of the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, approved in the Synod of North Holland, such ecclesiastical assemblies as are consistent with the government and Constitution of the Netherland Church and our relation to the same ; which judicatories shall be distinguished by such names as shall hereafter be determined.

#### ART. IV. *Number of these in general.*

These judicatories shall be two in number, which we provisionally call the Particular and General Assembly, till their names shall be more particularly agreed upon.

#### ART. V. *Matters to be discussed in the Particular Assemblies.*

In the Particular Assemblies all matters regarding the interests of subordinate congregations, and which cannot be determined by the consistories, shall, in the first instance, be regularly brought forward and acted upon, (even to the suspension of ministers for improper conduct,) before they can be brought up to a higher tribunal.

#### ART. VI. *Members of these Assemblies.*

At these Assemblies each minister, with his elder, belonging to the same, and furnished with suitable ecclesiastical credentials, shall attend at the appointed time and place. With respect to absentees special regulations may afterwards be made.

#### ART. VII. *Number of these Assemblies.*

These Assemblies shall be five in number. This number may,

nevertheless, hereafter be increased by the General Assembly, and the place of meeting changed as circumstances shall require.

ART. VIII. *Three in the province of New York, and two in New Jersey.*

Three of these Assemblies shall be held in the province of New York, and two in the province of New Jersey.

ART. IX. *One in the city of New York.*

In the province of New York, one shall be held in the city of New York, to which shall belong all the Low Dutch Reformed churches, whatever their language may be, on Long Island, in the city and county of New York, and in the county of Westchester. Whether the churches in the county of Richmond shall belong to this Assembly is not yet determined.

ART. X. *One in Kingston.*

Another shall be held in Kingston, to which shall belong the churches of Dutchess and Ulster counties, and the congregation of the Camp.

ART. XI. *One in Albany.*

A third shall be held alternately in Albany and Schenectady, to which shall belong the churches in the counties of Albany, Gloucester and Cumberland.

ART. XII. *One in Brunswick.*

In the province of New Jersey, one shall be held at New Brunswick, to which shall belong the churches in the counties of Richmond, Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Sussex.

ART. XIII. *One in Hackensack.*

The other shall be at Hackensack, to which shall belong those of the counties of Bergen, Orange, Essex, and Morris.

ART. XIV. *Time of meeting.*

These Assemblies, on account of the distance of the respective members from each other, shall not hold more than one ordinary meeting in each year. The particular time of meeting is deferred to a future opportunity.

ART. XV. *Correspondents.*

When these Particular Assemblies shall correspond with each other, and in what manner, is also deferred.

ART. XVI. *General Assembly.*

In addition to the above, a General Assembly shall be held every year, composed of delegates from each Particular Assembly.

ART. XVII. *Members of the same.*

To this Rev. Assembly shall be delegated from each Particular As-

sembly, two ministers, each with an elder, furnished with suitable credentials.

ART. XVIII. *Place of meeting.*

The meetings of this General Assembly shall be held alternately at New York and Kingston ; the Rev. Assembly shall, nevertheless, have liberty of appointing a third place of meeting in the province of New Jersey.

ART. XIX. *Time of meeting.*

The time of meeting shall be considered hereafter, and appointed in the most suitable season, and so as to be most convenient for the Particular Assemblies.

ART. XX. *Examination, preparation and peremption.*

For this General Assembly, with the approbation of the Rev. Synod of North Holland and the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, we assume the long wished for right of examining candidates for licensure and for the ministry, and also further to qualify those who are lawfully called, as the same is practised in the Netherlands. A list of all those who have been examined and ordained, as also of the newly settled and removed ministers, shall be kept in our yearly acts and sent over with a request to the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, that they may be carefully inserted in the register of ministers, and numbered by them among the North American preachers in both provinces.

ART. XXI. *Matters to be treated of in the General Assembly.*

All church matters which cannot be determined in the Particular Assemblies, shall, when regularly brought up, receive their complete and final decision in the General Assembly. In some particular cases the following rules shall be adopted :—

ART. XXII. *Union with the Church of Holland.*

To preserve, in the best possible manner, the bond of union with our highly esteemed mother Church (which we greatly desire) there shall, first, be sent every year a complete copy of all the acts of our General Assembly, signed by the Præses and Scriba for the time being, to the Classis of Amsterdam, as duly named by the Synod of North Holland for that purpose.

ART. XXIII. *Appeals concerning doctrines.*

Secondly, Whenever differences may arise on important doctrines among the brethren, whether ministers or communicants, a decision on which might be matter of grievance to some, the case in difference shall be left to the judgment of the Rev. Classis, or, if need be, to the Rev. Synod of North Holland, according to whose decision the General Assembly, as well as the condemned party, shall conform or act.

ART. XXIV. *Deposition of Ministers.*

In case a minister, on account of doctrine or life, shall be deposed and conceive himself aggrieved by such deposition, he shall have the liberty of laying his case before the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, or through it before the Rev. Synod, for their judgment whether he may be called again or not ; and the General Assembly, with the deposed minister, shall be bound to submit to the judgment of the Rev. Classis. In the mean time, however, in consequence of the length of time required for deciding such an unhoped for case, the congregation of the deposed minister, if they request it, shall be furnished with another pastor.

ART. XXV. *Approbation of calls*

It is agreed that the approbation of the calls of candidates on their *exam. peremp.* shall be given by the General Assembly, but that of ministers, considering the wants of the Church, shall be given by the Particular Assembly to which the calling congregation belongs.

ART. XXVI. *Visitation of the churches.*

Concerning the visitation of churches there shall be particular regulations adopted in the General Assembly which is to be organized.

ART. XXVII. *Extraordinary meetings.*

Extraordinary meetings of the General and Particular Assemblies may be held for the examination and decision of matters, which, for urgent reasons, cannot be deferred till the ordinary meeting. These meetings may be called by the last Præses and Scriba of the respective assemblies.

ART. XXVIII. *Professorate.*

Concerning the Professorate, we will act according to the advice of the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, viz., we will provisionally choose one or two Professors to teach didactic, elenctic, exegetic, &c. theology, according to the received doctrines of our Low Dutch Reformed Church; to which office we, according to the judgment of the Classis, will choose, on favorable terms, such divines from the Netherlands as are of acknowledged learning, piety and orthodoxy, and immutably attached to the Netherland formulas of union, said Classis having promised to recommend suitable characters.

ART. XXIX. *Further regulations respecting the Professorate.*

The Professor or Professors above mentioned, as soon as the wished for reconciliation in this country is obtained and finally established, shall be chosen and called on a sufficient salary, though not without the approbation of the General Assembly, with this provision, that such Professor or Professors shall not stand in any connection with English academies but shall give lectures on theology, in their own dwellings, to such students only who can produce testimony that they have studied two or three years at a college or academy,

under approved teachers, and improved themselves in preparatory studies, such as the languages, philosophy, &c. Such Professor or Professors shall also preach once every month or fortnight in Dutch or English, as well to assist the minister of the place where he or they reside, as to afford the students a good model of preaching, in consequence of which the Rev. Professor or Professors shall be subject to the Particular and General Assemblies, in the same manner as is already specified particularly of the ministers.

ART. XXX. *Provisional exception.*

Nevertheless, since we, according to the condition stipulated by the Classis, can cherish no hopes of reaping the fruits of the above-mentioned Professorate for a long time to come, we are of opinion, as there are now a number of students with one or other minister, who probably will in a short time be fitted for the *exam. prepar.*, that these students ought, in consequence of the great need of the churches, to be provisionally examined at the next meeting of our General Assembly.

ART. XXXI. *Schools under the care of the churches.*

Finally, the respective congregations shall hereafter make it their business to establish public or private schools, in which, under the direction of consistories, instructions shall be given, as well in the languages as in the fundamental principles or doctrines of the Reformed Dutch Church, as the same are taught in our Low Dutch churches.

GRIEVANCES.

ART. I. Concerning those congregations who have two consistories and two ministers, it would be desirable that they should unite in one body; but where this is impracticable, matters should remain in *statu quo*, till means and opportunities shall be found, in God's providence, to lead to this union.

ART. II. To those congregations who have one minister but two consistories, it is earnestly recommended that they unite in one consistory. The Rev. brethren shall likewise avail themselves of every opportunity which offers, by brotherly exhortation to effect the same; as also for those congregations which are situated as stated in the first article, whilst we cordially supplicate the God of peace to remove all remaining grievances from such congregations.

ART. III. Since, during the past troubles, some persons have been ordained for the holy ministry whose examination and ordination is not deemed valid by some of the brethren, yet for peace' sake, rather than that the contemplated union should not be accomplished, these brethren agree, that every one whom the Rev. Cœtus acknowledges as an ordained minister shall be considered as such, and in that capacity take his seat in our Assemblies, not doubting but the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam will agree with us in this particular.

ART. IV. Since the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, in one of their last letters, express themselves favorably of the Rev. Hermanus Meyer,



from which it plainly appears that they would fondly see a reunion between him and his congregation if it was possible; we are of opinion, that in case that Rev. brother accedes to the aforesaid Articles of Union, and subjects himself to this arrangement, such subjection is a sufficient ground to give him, as our esteemed brother, a seat and voice in the above-mentioned Particular and General Assemblies, whilst the Rev. Assemblies, as soon as they are organized in the manner specified, with the advice of the Rev. Classis, will offer their friendly aid for adjusting the differences between him and the congregation of Kingston, in case the wished for union between them is not previously accomplished.

## CONCLUDING ARTICLES.

ART. I. *Exception.*

The preceding Articles shall not be binding in cases where they are hostile to any privileges granted by charter to any church.

ART. II. *Binding force of these Articles.*

As soon as these Articles are constitutionally received and approved by this Assembly, each member shall provisionally give the other the hand of brotherhood or fellowship, in hopes that the Rev. Classis and our respective congregations will approve and ratify the same, but they shall not be obligatory before such approbation of them shall be given by our respective congregations and the Rev. Classis.

ART. III. Since the committee have the satisfaction to be unanimous in their opinion on these Articles, subject however to superior judgment, it is their cordial desire and prayer, that this Rev. Assembly may adopt the same, that the long wished for union may, if possible, be effected according to these Articles, which may the God of peace and love grant of his mercy.

*Signed by the above-mentioned committee.*

*New York, Oct. 18, 1771.*

## SESSION IV.

ART. IX. The preceding plan, after mature deliberation, was, through the blessing of God, and to mutual satisfaction, adopted, as the best for the essential well-being of our Church in this country. A copy of the same was ordered to be speedily forwarded to the respective consistories, signed by the Præses and one of the Scribas, with a request to communicate its contents in the most suitable manner to their congregations, and to influence the same, as far as possible, to a pious and actual union in one body, which union, however, shall not take place till the desired approbation of the Rev. Classis shall arrive, for which purpose a fair copy of these Articles, signed by the Præses and both Scribas, shall be transmitted in the speediest manner. When the Classical letter arrives, the Rev. consistory of the Low Dutch Church in New York shall open the same,

and write circular letters to all the congregations, mentioning the general contents of the Classical letter relative to their approbation of these Articles, by which means another Assembly like this, and in the same manner, shall be convened.

ART. X. *Manner of signing.*

This Assembly determine that the names of the members, and their approbation, shall be openly and formally taken down ; whereupon they authorize the Præses and both Scribas of this Assembly to sign, and thus to confirm these Articles of Union on their behalf.

ART. XI. After giving each other the right hand of fellowship, the committee, as also the Rev. consistory of New York, were openly and formally thanked for their friendly and brotherly services, and after fervent thanksgiving to God for this unexpected blessing, accompanied with ardent supplications to the throne of grace for a further completion of this holy union work, as also for the prosperity and well-being of the Church, they parted in peace, and love, and joy.

Done at New York, Oct. 18, 1771.

(Signed)

JOHN H. LIVINGSTON, *Præses.*

ISAAC RYSDYK, *Scriba.*

EILARDUS WESTERLO, *Scriba.*

SEC. XIII. *Not necessary that ministers now subscribe the Articles of Union.*

*Resolved,* That as these Articles were framed to answer a temporary, though at that time highly valuable purpose, they ought to be preserved, as an important link in the history of our Church, but contain no regulations which make it necessary at this period for ministers to subscribe the same. 1815, p. 36.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., the oldest minister present.

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

##### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., John Lillie, Nicolas J. Marselus, D. D. *Elders*—William Woram, George Zabriskie, Abraham Van Nest.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Frederick F. Cornell,\* Isaac Ferris, D. D. *Elders*—John G. Sperling, Horatio P. Allen, John R. Baker.\*

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D., Samuel B. How, D. D., Alexander C. Millsbaugh. *Elders*—Rynier Van Nest, Lewis Carman.†

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\* Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen*.—Rev. John Garretson, James Romeyn, William V. V. Mabon.†† *Elders*—James F. Gardner, John Garretson.¶

5. *From the Classis of Paramus*.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., Charles S. Hageman, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer. *Elders*—Andrew G. Ackerman, Daniel C. Dusenberry.†

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Malcolm N. McLaren, Thomas M. Strong, D. D. *Elders*—Simon Cortelyou, John L. Vandewater.\*

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D.,\*\* Richard L. Schoonmaker, Nicholas E. Smith.|||| *Elders*—Theodore Snediker, Jacob Remsen, Peter Luyster.†

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia*.—Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., Abraham O. Halsey. *Elder*—Jacob Cornell.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie*.—Rev. Herman Vedder, William A. Miller, Alexander M. Mann.¶ *Elder*, John Barnes.††

10. *From the Classis of Passaic*.—Rev. John A. Staats, Garrit C. Schanck.

11. *From the Classis of Illinois*.—(No representation.)

12. *From the Classis of Hudson*.—Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, John Gosman, D. D.†§ *Elder*—John McClellan.

#### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany*.—Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Ralph Willis. *Elder*—Teunis Van Vechten.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster*.—Rev. Martin L. Schenck, John C. Cruickshank, Thomas C. Strong. *Elders*—Elijah Alliger, John V. L. Overbagh.‡

†† Succeeded on the *fourth* day of the session by Rev. W. J. R. Taylor.

¶ Took his seat on the *fifth* day of the session.

†† Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

\* Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

\*\* Succeeded on the *eighth* day of the session by Rev. W. R. Gordon.

|||| Succeeded on the *eighth* day of the session by Rev. W. H. Van Doren.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *second* day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer*.—Rev. E. P. Stimson, Benjamin B. Van Zandt.† *Elder*—Jacob Everts.†

4. *From the Classis of Washington*.—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Hiram Slawson.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery*.—(No representation.)

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie*.—Rev. E. S. Hammond, Cyril Spaulding, Ransford Wells.† *Elders*—Storm S. Becker, William Becker.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady*.—Rev. William W. Halloway, Abraham J. Switz, J. B. Steele.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga*.—*Elders*, Lewis J. Hasbrouck, Wessel B. Van Wagonen.

9. *From the Classis of Orange*.—Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, Isaac G. Duryea, Thomas B. Gregory. *Elder*—A. Kidd.

10. *From the Classis of Greene*.—Rev. John L. See, William A. Cornell,|| Jeremiah Searle.|| *Elder*—James Van Deusen.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan*.—(No representation.)

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet*.—Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, Oscar H. Gregory,†§ William Pitcher.†

### ARTICLE III.

#### M O D E R A T O R S .

The Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., *President*. The Adressor and Temporary Clerks at the last meeting of the Synod being absent at the opening of the session, Synod proceeded to elect persons to fill their places. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., was chosen *Adressor*; and the Rev. Edward P. Stimson and William A. Miller, *Clerks, pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the ordinary session of the Synod, held in June last, were read.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

|| Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

#### ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

### ARTICLE II.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D. and Elder Rynier Van Nest, were appointed to fill the vacancies in the Committee on Nominations occasioned by the absence of certain members.

The Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Abraham O. Halsey, and Nicolas J. Marselus, D. D., and the Elders Simon Cortelyou and Andrew G. Ackerman, were appointed members of the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, in the places of those who are absent.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. M. S. Hutton, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, stating that Mr. John M. Keese had resigned his seat as a member of that Board, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A communication was received from the Classis of Montgomery in relation to the proposed change in the Board of Superintendents, and also in relation to Art. I., Chap. 2, Sec. 11 and 12 of the Constitution, and the proposed new organization of the Particular Synods.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above communication as relates to the subject of the organization of the Particular Synods and to the articles in the Constitution, be referred to the next General Synod.

Certain letters were received from Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt and Isaac Young, Treasurer of the Synod, containing their correspondence on the subject of the Psalm and Hymn-book, growing out of the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the General Synod on the subject of the Hymn-book, contained on pp. 281-282. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the above papers be referred to the Board of Direction, with the request that all papers relating to the contract for the New Hymn-book, and such papers relating to the contract for the former Hymn-book as may be necessary for the full understanding of the subject, be laid before Synod; and that the Board of Corporation give their opinion as to the position of the Synod in the matter.

## ARTICLE IV.

## BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report was received from the Board of Direction of the Corporation, in compliance with the resolution recorded above, accompanied with the previous and present contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt:—

In compliance with a resolution of General Synod, made yesterday, “that all papers relating to the contract for the new Hymn-book, “and such papers relating to the contract for the former Hymn-book, as may be necessary for the full understanding of the subject, “be laid before Synod, and that the Board of Direction give their “opinion as to the position of the Synod in the matter,” the Board of Direction respectfully submit to Synod the following facts:—

It appears from the printed Minutes of the meeting of Synod in the year 1845, page 478, that the Board of the Sunday-school Union of our Church passed the following resolution, to which they solicited the attention of Synod, viz., “That the Committee on “the Depository be directed to have stereotyped an 18mo. edition of “the Sunday-school and Social Hymn-book, and publish the same as “soon as convenient;” and also the following preamble and resolution: “*Whereas*, in the proposed new edition of the Sunday-school “and Social Hymn-book, there will be nine blank pages in the last “sheet of the work, therefore *Resolved*, That the General Synod “be respectfully requested to cause to be furnished to the Board, in “such way as they shall think proper, a sufficient number of hymns “to fill up said nine pages.” Whereupon the committee of General Synod, fully appreciating the views of the Board of Sabbath-school Union, recommended to General Synod the following resolution, which was adopted: “*Resolved*, That the whole subject of the “Hymn-book be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. “Isaac Ferris, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D. D., Thomas M. Strong, “D. D., and the Elders John D. Keese and William Woram, to “consider the importance of a new arrangement of our hymns for “Social and Sabbath-school worship, and that they report to the “next General Synod, with the addition of such new hymns as may “make the collection more complete.”

At the meeting of Synod in 1846, a lengthy report was made by the above-mentioned committee on the Hymn-book, to which the attention of Synod is specially invited, which was accepted and

referred to a special committee, whose report on the subject was adopted by Synod, viz., "That the work of the committee on the Hymn-book be approved, and that they be authorized to complete the same, and prepare the whole for publication as speedily as convenient; and that the Board of Direction be empowered to carry out the necessary arrangements for printing," &c., &c.—These reports and the action of Synod thereon, will be found on their printed Minutes, pages 92 to 96.

At the meeting of Synod in the year 1847, this Board reported to General Synod, and which report was adopted, that a contract had been made with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt for the exclusive publication of ten thousand copies of the Psalm and Hymn-book, in the manner directed by Synod at their meeting the previous year—see Minutes, pages 115 and 183—and the committee to whom was referred the remonstrances from the Classis of Bergen and the North Classis of Long Island on the subject of the Additional Hymns, reported, approving of the work, and their report was adopted by Synod. (See Minutes, pages 200 to 205.)

At the meeting of Synod in the year 1848, a memorial from the Classis of Orange in relation to the new Hymn-book, requesting that an edition of the old book be published, and a petition signed by certain individuals on the same subject, were referred to a special committee, who reported, and their report is as follows:—

"Whereas difficulties exist in the minds of many in regard to the new Hymn-book, and some of the churches desire the privilege of still retaining the use of the old book, therefore

"Resolved, 1. That the Board of Direction be hereby empowered to make the best possible arrangement with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt for stereotyping and publishing an edition of the former book of Psalms and Hymns, as the same was in use in the Church previous to 1847.

"2. That in case no satisfactory arrangement can be made with the aforesaid publishers, yet, inasmuch as the copyright of the old book has run out, the Synod conceive that it would be the right of any publisher to issue an edition of the same; and this Synod will interpose no obstacle in the way of such publication, and the churches will be at full liberty to use the same." (See Minutes, pages 281 and 282.)

The Board submit to General Synod their correspondence with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt, in which those gentlemen state that the copyright of the old Psalm-book will not expire until the year 1860; and this statement is correct.

It may be proper to state that the stereotype plates for the old book *belonged to the publishers*, and that this fact was not without its influence on the existing contract with said publishers—their estimates contemplating a remuneration in some degree for the loss of the plates, in consequence of the book being superceded; and the Board being desirous of furnishing the new book at as cheap a rate as possible, did not reserve any profit to the Treasury of the Synod



from the sale of the ten thousand copies embraced in the contract—it is understood that the old plates have been destroyed.

Your Board, therefore, believing that the copyright to the old book has not run out, and that the existing contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt supercedes during the period of its operation, the right to publish an edition of the old book, without the consent of the said Mentz & Rovoudt, in the present perplexing state of the matter, can perceive no other alternative left, than either to make a suitable compensation to Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt for the loss which will be sustained by them by interfering with their contract for publishing ten thousand copies of the Psalms and Hymns as approved by Synod, and, having satisfied their just claims, at a very serious pecuniary sacrifice, *to reproduce the old book*; or for Synod to review and cancel their action of June last in the premises, and permit the existing contract to be carried out according to its original intent.

It is for the Synod to choose and to direct in the matter. This Board do not presume to advise, but will, to the best of their power, execute the will of the Synod.

On behalf of the Board of Direction,

ABM. VAN NEST, *President*.

*New York, 28th Sept., 1848.*

The following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted:—

*Whereas* it has appeared, from the Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, that the copy-right of the old Psalm and Hymn-book has not expired, as was supposed by General Synod,

*Resolved*, That the second resolution of General Synod, passed in June last on this subject, be and the same is hereby revoked.

And *whereas* this Synod are not prepared to assume any pecuniary obligations necessary to cancel the contract with Messrs. Mentz & Rovoudt,

*Resolved*, That the said contract shall be continued until the same shall expire by the publication of the ten thousand copies specified.

But *whereas* difficulties exist in the minds of many members, Consistories and Classes, with respect to the New Book of Psalms and Hymns,

*Resolved*, That, until the expiration of said contract, the operation of the 1st and 3d resolutions be suspended.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the appeal of A. G. Fonda, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, in not sustaining his appeal from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, in the matter of the election of one elder and two deacons by the church of Schenectady.

The President announced that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of judicial business.

The Rev. G. W. Bethune, D. D., was appointed Counsel for the Appellant—he having requested that some person be appointed to conduct his case before the Synod.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order :—

1. The Appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
2. The documents in the case were read.
3. The Appellant was heard, by his Counsel.
4. The Consistory of Schenectady was heard, by the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.

5. The Particular Synod of Albany was heard, by their Commissioner, Rev. Ransford Wells.

6. The Counsel of the Appellant was heard in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded:

*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, it was decided in the *negative*.

Synod took up the appeal of A. G. Fonda, from a second decision of said Synod upon the subject of the *ordination* of one elder and two deacons by the church of Schenectady, while an appeal upon the subject of their election was pending.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order :—

1. The Appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
2. The documents in the case were read.
3. The Particular Synod of Albany was heard, by their Commissioner, the Rev. Ransford Wells.

4. The Appellant was heard in reply, by his Counsel, the Rev. G. W. Bethune, D. D.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called, and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded:

*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, it was decided in the *negative*.

A Memorial, signed by eight individuals in behalf of those in the church at Fort Plain who are opposed to the present pastoral relation, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported in relation to the memorial from certain individuals in the church of Fort Plain, and their report was accepted, and a motion was made and seconded that it be adopted. The question being taken upon that resolution, it was decided in the *negative*.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to assist in effecting a conciliation of the difficulties in the case of the church at Fort Plain (p. 267) reported, and their report was accepted. The subject having been discussed at some length, the following resolutions were adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the Synod deplore the present distraction of the church of Fort Plain, and earnestly exhort the contending parties to study the things that make for peace.

*Resolved*, That, because of the insufficient evidence in the case before us, and the impossibility of doing full justice to all parties in present circumstances, the whole subject be dismissed, and the party, if either, feeling aggrieved, be directed to commence anew their process for a constitutional remedy, if they should think it necessary.

## ARTICLE XII.

### SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, requesting, in behalf of the Board, that they have power to publish their annual reports. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the request of the Board of Sabbath-school Union be granted.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to elect a member of the Board of Education, in the place of Mr. J. M. Keese, resigned. On counting the ballots, it appeared that Mr. B. Livingston Kip was chosen.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report of the Committee on

Education as was referred to this meeting of the Synod, (p. 269,) be postponed to the next General Synod.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

A communication was received from the Trustees of Rutgers College, certifying that the Articles of Agreement, modifying the covenant and relations subsisting between the General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College, adopted by a joint committee composed of the committee from the General Synod and one from the Board of Trustees, had been adopted by the Board.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### PROFESSORATE.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to the Institutions at New Brunswick (p. 216) reported, and their report was accepted.

So much of the report as relates to the constitution of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and to reports from the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, was adopted; and the residue, which related to the subject of the connection existing between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees, was discussed at considerable length, when, on motion, the whole subject embraced in that part of the report was indefinitely postponed. The part of the report which was adopted is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to the Institutions at New Brunswick, RESPECTFULLY REPORT :

I. The first subject which claimed their attention, had respect to the constitution of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. At present, that Board is composed of one minister nominated from each Classis and chosen by the Synod, and the term of service is extended to three years; the expenses of the members, in their attendance at New Brunswick, being paid out of the Corporate Fund of General Synod. Your committee, upon mature consideration, have been led to coincide with the views set forth in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, that, as regards the numbers composing the Board, and the expenses attending their meetings, there are valid grounds of objection to the present mode, and they can discover no countervailing advantages. No necessity can be alledged, in the nature of the service to be

performed, why so large a number should be employed; and efficiency is certainly more likely to be impaired than increased thereby. They therefore recommend the following plan to the consideration of Synod :—

1. That the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary be reduced from its present number to eight *Primarii* and eight *Secundi*, to take the places, any Secundus of any Primarius, upon notice that the Primarius cannot attend; thus securing, so far as that end can be secured, a full attendance of members at each meeting of the Board.

2. That the members of the Board be nominated by the Particular Synods, in equal portions, to the General Synod for election. If the Synods remain as at present, two in number, each shall nominate four *Primarii* and four *Secundi*. If four Synods are created, as is proposed, each Synod shall nominate two *Primarii* and two *Secundi*; the Synods selecting but one member from each Classis in rotation, in the order in which the Classes stand in the Minutes. If a Particular Synod should at any time fail to make such nomination, General Synod shall fill the vacancies from persons under the jurisdiction of that Particular Synod.

3. That the term of service be reduced from three to two years; the expenses of the members, when desired, to be paid, as now, from the funds of General Synod.

Should this plan be adopted, your committee farther recommend, that it be carried into effect after the meeting of General Synod in 1849: and that the Particular Synods be directed, at their spring sessions in that year, to nominate the requisite number of members, dividing them into two classes, one half to serve for one year, and the other half for two years from the date of their election; and that thereafter each Synod shall annually make a new nomination every spring, for one half the number of members to fill the places of those whose term of service shall expire. When this arrangement goes into operation, the present Board of Superintendents will be superseded. And until then, it is recommended that it continue as it is at this time.

II. The next matter considered by your committee, was the resolution of Synod directing them to inquire into the omission of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College to report to Synod the state and prospects of that Institution during the past year. As this subject appears never to have been before the Board of Trustees, nor in the least controlled by any action of theirs, they are to be held entirely faultless in regard to it; and whatever fault may be supposed to exist, is chargeable upon the Board of Superintendents alone. But the one half of that Board is chosen by the Synod itself, to act as its proper representatives and agents. At any time the Synod can require from them the discharge of their duty, and may remove them, in case they prove unfaithful to their trust. So that ground of complaint, if any there should be, can exist only against the Synod's own servants; and a prompt remedy is in its own power.

Your committee inquired diligently into the causes of the present

omission, however, and received from members of the Board of Superintendents the following explanation:—They this year, upon consultation, withheld the usual report in accordance with what they conceived to be the necessary meaning and interpretation, if not the wording of the agreement between General Synod and the Trustees in 1840. By the resolutions then adopted, Synod unqualifiedly referred to the Board of Trustees “the whole administration” of the College, the “controlling and directing its concerns generally,” and “repealed on its part all former action on this subject which may or can interfere with the tenor of this resolution.” Notwithstanding this arrangement, however, the Board of Superintendents continued the usual reports, partly from custom, but chiefly from a desire on their part to maintain kind and intimate relations with the General Synod, and to do nothing unnecessarily which could give rise to unpleasant construction and comment. When, however, they read the Synod’s Minutes of 1847, where, in a report not emanating from the Superintendents of Rutgers College, strictures of a most objectionable character are published to the world, reflecting in most unguarded terms upon the instruction given in an important department of the college course; when they considered that in the same manner, almost from year to year, the affairs of the college had been and were liable to be canvassed on the floor of Synod, and injury—unintentional perhaps, but of the most fatal kind—inflicted upon the Institution, while no friendly voice might be heard deprecating the stroke, no arm raised to interpose a defence, and that no college could possibly enjoy vigorous and progressive life under such circumstances, they were compelled to pause; and since the action of 1840 seemed clearly to supersede the necessity for the annual reports, to act at length upon that principle. Their object was simply to remove the concerns of the college from the debates on the floor of General Synod. Your committee feel constrained to say, that in their judgment the reasoning was just, and the course pursued such as a proper regard for the interests of the college imperatively demanded of the Superintendents. There was nothing disrespectful to the Synod, in acting upon what was believed to be the natural meaning of its own resolutions. Every disrespectful thought and feeling is disclaimed. And with this statement your committee think there is no ground of complaint, and recommend that the matter be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## MISSIONS.

Synod took up the Report of the Committee on Missions, which was submitted at the last meeting, and the consideration of which was postponed to the present session. The report was read, amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following report :—

The Foreign Missions have been conducted for sixteen years in connection with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by a Joint Committee, composed of the American Board and General Synod. The arrangement has been harmonious in its operation, and contributed to increase the efficiency of our efforts in the foreign field. The first missionary family went out from our Church in 1836. The field selected by ourselves was Netherlands India, in the hope that, on account of our descent from and affinity to the Church of Holland, special favors and privileges might be secured to us. This expectation was not realized, as the history of this mission, which has been communicated to our churches, has attested. Our missions were exposed to embarrassments by the policy pursued by the Dutch Government, and reduced to the necessity of confining their labors to Borneo. They have labored with assiduity and devotedness, and have been exposed to domestic bereavements and other trials of faith and patience. Our missionaries express their conviction that amidst all the difficulties and discouragements, this is the field which Providence seems to designate as the place of labor.

Mr. Thomson, now deceased, in his letters to the Board of Foreign Missions, urged, with great solicitude, that the field in Borneo might be reinforced and not relinquished. The Prudential Committee of the Board, and also our own, have been anxious to meet the desires of our missionaries, and send them help in Borneo. In January last, Dr. Anderson made a special visit to New York, to confer with the Board on the subject. They felt the want of aid, and addressed an urgent appeal to our churches. No response was given by ministers, or students in our Seminary. The brethren in those distant parts of the earth have called in vain for the sympathy of their brethren. Every communication from our missionaries contains urgent entreaty for additional laborers. The apathy manifested by our churches depresses their spirits. On everything connected with the interests of our missions, the Secretaries of the American Board have been careful, on every subject of importance, to confer with us, by correspondence or personal visits. Our Board states that they have kept us fully and frankly advised, and manifested a uniform regard to our views and feelings, and have left us under the conviction, so extensively entertained, of the wisdom and fidelity with which they discharge their trust.

After this conference, the Board of our Synod made the following minute of their views in relation to sustaining the Borneo Mission. In this emergency they felt constrained to seek relief, by authorizing Mr. Thomson, then at Berne, to confer with the Professors of the Missionary Seminary then at Basle, Switzerland, to secure the requisite aid. The communication did not reach Berne, it is thought, until after Mr. T. was removed by death. The removal of so many of our missionaries in the midst of efficient labors, and when, from matured experience, they were enabled to bear the burden and heat of the day, is a trial of the faith and patience of the Church.

The receipts of the Treasury the past year have been \$9,263 18. There has been paid to the American Board \$9,389 62, from which is to be deducted, for building the Amoy chapel, \$840 50, leaving a balance paid the Board, \$8,549 12.

The Treasurer has made a statement of the money received for sixteen years of the missionary operations. The receipts of the present year exceed those of the preceding one, \$1,821 70. The abstract of the Treasurer exhibits much fluctuation in the amount raised by the churches; and while it is a matter of joy that they present an increase, it falls far short of our responsibility as a Church. There is a necessity for a well-directed and vigorously-prosecuted system to call forth the liberality of the churches in spreading the gospel among those who are sitting in darkness. It is our duty; and a proper respect to ourselves, as well as regard to the cause, demands that our contributions should be such as to render us efficient auxiliaries in the missionary work. An increase of the spirit is required to repair the waste of death, and to urge on the cause of missions in the foreign field. Men are required endowed with the energy of faith, and who are prepared, by the anointing of the Holy One, to make a vigorous aggressive movement against the darkness, impurity and wretchedness of a world lying in wickedness. The information of the death of brother Thomson contained the consoling tidings that he died in the full assurance of hope. "The memory of the just is blessed."

#### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

##### EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Treasurer reports receipts in Treasury during the year, \$7,096 36. This amount has not been received from the churches; from this must be deducted the sum received from Mr. Young, Treasurer of General Synod, \$1,340 59. So the sum contributed by the churches is only \$5,756 77. Last year, \$7,944 77—less \$933 51. Drafts on hand, unpaid, \$2,804 69. Balance on hand, \$104 62.

The whole number of churches and missions aided during the year is 37 churches, 7 missionary stations—in all, 44. The appropriations during the year amount to \$5,000. Of the missionary stations, Long Branch, Newark, Hoboken, in New Jersey, are new



enterprises. The whole amount of orders on the Treasury issued during the year, is \$4,554 02. The Committee on Appropriations, in order to carry into effect the legitimate objects of their organization and appointment, finding the expenditures exceeding the receipts, came with reluctance to a determination "That a reduction or discontinuance should be made in every case in which it is possible for the church or station aided to allow it." It is to be regretted that such a measure was rendered necessary, as it must have been in many instances injurious to churches which from their situation required the aid of the Church. The reduction has equalled, if not exceeded, the whole amount expended in the Western Department of our missions. Your committee have no doubt that the Board exercised deliberation, and had a proper regard to the circumstances, but were compelled to yield to a necessity which arose from the neglect of the churches to furnish the necessary funds for the establishment and extension of the Church. It is questionable whether it is sound policy to reduce the appropriations to churches which give promise of enlargement and stability, for the purpose of opening new fields which are of a character to render necessary for a long time the aid of the Church. The committee have no doubt that instances may exist where an undue reliance is placed on the aid of the Church, and where its continuance to the same extent, will operate injuriously on the public spirit and enterprise of these churches, and that a reduction is required by a regard to the true interests of the congregation and the object of our missionary organization.

Your committee consider it proper to call the attention of General Synod to a statement of a transaction which must have an important bearing on the operations of the Board in the Eastern Department. It appears, from the Minutes of the Board, that all missionary enterprises in the city of New York have been transferred to the Young Men's Missionary Society.

Your committee rejoice to observe such noble and praiseworthy sympathy in the young men of our Church with the missionary efforts of the Synod, and hail it as "a token for good," as furnishing an assurance that there exists Christian enterprise which not only yields efficient aid in present operations, but augurs favorably for the prosecution of future measures to extend the kingdom of the Redeemer. Your committee question the power of the Board to make such disposal of the missionary enterprises in the city of New York, and entertain fears that it may produce dissatisfaction, and recommend that the operations of the Board and the City Society be restored to their position previous to the adoption of said resolution. It appears, from the Minutes of the Board of Missions, that they have loaned a part of a legacy left for the promotion of the cause of Missions, for the purpose of erecting and aiding in the erection of a house for public worship in Bedford, in the city of Brooklyn. Your committee are not advised of all the reasons which have induced the Board to make this appropriation. They question whether the Board possess any authority thus to employ

funds which have been bequeathed for another, although kindred object, and would recommend that in future no similar appropriations be made by them.

#### WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

No addition has been made of churches or missionary stations to the number reported last year, and attention and effort have been withdrawn from one place of considerable importance—Peoria. Several of the Western enterprises have declined. Some of the churches to which we have extended a fostering care, have grown somewhat in spiritual and pecuniary strength. Some have been stationary, and others have diminished in these respects. The statements of the labors of the brethren indicate that they are devoted to their work, and manifest energy and perseverance amidst the difficulties which surround them. There are obstacles to be encountered from the character of the population, and much time, patient effort and zeal, combined with the meekness of heavenly wisdom, are requisite to establish settled Christian order in the West. The Synod directed the Board to explore the Western field, that its real condition might be ascertained, and the missionary operations brought to bear on those points which would have a happy influence on any future movements. During the past year no plan has been devised, nor steps taken to obtain a knowledge of openings for missionary operations in the West. Two ministerial brethren, who feel a deep interest in this cause, tendered their services to the Board last autumn, upon liberal terms, with reference to this object. Their proposal was however declined, because it embraced educational objects as prominent, in connection with those of a missionary character. The majority of the members of the Board present, regarded all plans to promote, or all explorations that had reference to that object, as not falling legitimately within their sphere of operations. The brethren referred to visited a number of important places in the West, and have obtained much valuable information, which they have communicated to the Board. It was kindly received and acted upon, so far as to resolve that it was expedient to occupy some important stations, as soon as men and means could be obtained. In this they have not succeeded; and nothing further has been done upon the subject.

Your committee have had an interview with two of the Western missionaries, who represent the prospects of our Church in the West, as most encouraging. They speak, however, with pain of the failure of the Board to send out men of the right stamp to occupy important stations, in which we might have had flourishing churches, had they been occupied at the proper time. In some of these places the way is yet open, if the Church will take prompt and energetic action in supplying them. The missionaries speak particularly of the necessity of sustaining our enterprise at Grand Rapids, not only on account of the importance of the place, but

also because a large colony of Hollanders, consisting of some three thousand souls—to which, during the present season, there will be large accessions—have located themselves in that vicinity. Other denominations are using active measures to bring them under their influence, while we, who are of the same origin, springing from the same branch of the Reformation, and adopting the same standards, are doing nothing but exposing them to be swallowed up by men of every name and every creed. These settlers are for the most part men of property and of the highest moral and religious character, and have come over with strong preferences for the Reformed Dutch Church.

The missionaries are discouraged on account of the feebleness with which our efforts are prosecuted, and urge the necessity of more vigorous action to sustain and strengthen them. We have talked much of the importance of occupying the Western field; but too much of our zeal has been spent in words—our action has been so tardy, our efforts so disproportioned to the magnitude of the work, that we cannot reasonably express the slightest wonder that we have not been more successful, and the results of our operations have been so discouraging. It would have been strange, if it had been otherwise. We can expect to reap only where we have sown—to gather only where we have strewed.

To recover the ground we have lost, and to restore our missions to some degree of prosperity, it is necessary that new plans of action should be adopted, that a different course should be pursued than has been pursued in times past. Your committee would therefore express their entire concurrence in the views expressed by the Committee on the State of the Church, and would recommend for adoption the plans then proposed.

In view of the whole, your committee would say, that action—immediate, well-directed, persevering action—is absolutely necessary, that our Zion may put on her beautiful garments. That, while obeying the command, “Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations. Spare not; lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes,” she may realize the fulfilment of the promise, “Thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left.”

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is the decided conviction of this General Synod, that an itinerant minister be appointed to take charge of the operations of the Board of Domestic Missions west of Buffalo.

2. *Resolved*, That General Synod appoint some suitable individual to perform the duties stated in the 11th resolution of the aforesaid report, and in accordance with the considerations set forth in the preceding resolutions.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions hereafter consist of twenty-four members, one-half of whom shall reside in the cities of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, the residue to

be appointed from other parts of the Church—one-third of the number to be elected annually by General Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board shall meet on the second Tuesday after the adjournment of General Synod—on the Tuesday after the meeting of the Executive Committee in November, and on the Tuesday after the meeting of the said committee in April.

5. *Resolved*, That the first meeting of this Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of November next, at the Consistory Room in Fulton street, New York, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and that at such meeting, in addition to the organization of the Board, they shall divide themselves into three classes; and that their subsequent meetings be held at such hour as they may themselves decide, and that the old Board continue to act in the meantime.

6. *Resolved*, That at these meetings of the Board all the actions of the Executive Committee shall be revised and passed upon; and that at each meeting the Treasurer shall make a report of the state of the funds.

7. *Resolved*, That said Board shall annually elect an Executive Committee, consisting of nine members, to manage the Missionary and Church Extension concerns, of which the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members; of the remaining seven, *three* shall be laymen and *four* ministers; that *five* members of said Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and that they meet monthly.

8. *Resolved*, That the churches be earnestly recommended to make annual collections for the purpose of aiding feeble churches in erecting houses of worship, and that the several Classes be directed to see that this recommendation be attended to in the best manner to accomplish the object.

9. *Resolved*, That authority to act upon the principle of Church extension, in aiding feeble congregations to erect houses of worship, be added to the existing powers of the Board of Domestic Missions; and that all monies collected under the authority of Synod for such purpose be committed to the said Board for distribution, under the distinct injunction that the exercise of the charity be restricted to cases of urgency, where due economy and modesty shall have marked the plan of structure and rate of expenditure; where the congregation applying for help, pledge themselves for the speedy completion of the building without leaving debt, and where legal obligations be entered into that the sum granted shall be returned to the Ref. Dutch Church, in case of the enterprise failing, or the alienation of the property from a sacred use or the authority of our denomination.

10. *Resolved*, That except when otherwise ordered by the donors or testators, all monies collected for Church Extension shall be distributed freely, as cases of need occur, that the liberality of the Church be promptly as well as wisely applied.

11. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to devise and endeavor to establish an efficient system for the collection of funds, by which, so far as possible, burdens may be

equalized, attention to the charities of the Church kept up, and regularity and increase of contribution secured; that the action of the Board may be more confident, because more assured of funds, and the great advantages of general, systematic liberality gained and maintained.

12. *Resolved*, That all other enactments touching the powers and other matters that relate to the Constitution of the Board, shall remain in full force.

13. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the students of our Seminary *to study the claims of the destitute* parts of our own country, as well as of the world at large; to consider the question of personal duty in regard to them; *to acquire due conceptions* of the amount and forms of labor requisite in given fields; *to spend a portion of their vacations* in colporteur labors; and while cherishing *a sturdy spirit of endurance*, that they *cultivate those habits of study and modes of address*, which will facilitate their entrance among them.

14. *Resolved*, That the portion of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church which refers to the establishment of Literary and Theological Institutions in the West, be referred to the Board of Missions, to report to the next Synod from such light as their correspondence enables them to obtain, as to its practicability, and all such details as may enable the Synod to act upon it intelligently.

15. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be recommended to give especial attention to the wants of the Protestant Hollanders, with a view to bringing them into connection with our own Church, upon which, on account of their origin, they have greater claims, than upon any denomination in our land, and to which they are most nearly assimilated.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN GOSMAN, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Nominations to nominate double the number of persons to constitute the Board of Domestic Missions, according to the new arrangement, as set forth in the 3d resolution of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Domestic Missions. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz., Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., George H. Fisher, D. D., Geo. W. Bethune, D. D., Abraham Messler, D. D., John Garretson, William J. R. Taylor, Matthias Lusk, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Alexander M. Mann, Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., James Romeyn, and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Thomas C. Doremus, William B. Crosby, George Zabriskie, Peter D. Vroom, Teunis Van Vechten, George W.

Morris, William Stevens, Stephen Garretson, John Barnes and Frederick J. Hosford.

A communication was received from the Board of Domestic Missions, requesting that Synod would grant them the privilege of publishing their annual reports. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That their request be granted.

## ARTICLE XX.

### PARTICULARIA.

In conformity to previous resolution, Synod spent a season in the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted under the direction of the President.

The committee to confer with the proprietor of the Christian Intelligencer (p. 284) reported, and their report was accepted, when, after a short discussion, it was

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

By previous appointment, the Rev. James Romeyn preached a sermon before the Synod in the evening of the first day of the session, from Acts xxvi. 28 : “ *Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.*”

A Memorial was received from the Consistory of the church at Syracuse, in relation to their efforts to establish their church, and to their present situation, circumstances and prospects ; and asking that their application for assistance be commended to the churches, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The committee reported the following, which was adopted :—

The General Synod having learned, from a memorial presented to them from the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church recently organized in the city of Syracuse, that they have taken the incipient step to procure a lot, and having obtained, under advantageous terms, a favorable location, and have, with praiseworthy liberality, raised, by personal subscription, a considerable sum towards aiding in the erection of a church, and have been encouraged by leading, influential citizens of Syracuse in their exertions to found a church, and believing that there is an indication of divine providence, and, from the increasing population and local resources of Syracuse, good reasons to expect the establishment of a flourishing church : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the efforts of the Consistory of the Reformed

Dutch church of Syracuse are fully approved by the General Synod, and that their application, by their pastor, the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, or any other properly accredited agent, to obtain aid to enable them to complete their enterprise, be commended to the Christian liberality of all the members and friends of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk furnish a certified copy of the above preamble and resolutions to the Rev. Mr. Cornell.

The Rev. Cyril Spalding, William W. Halloway, and the Elder Storm S. Becker, were appointed a committee to canvass the votes for members of the Board of Missions, and to supply a vacancy in the Board of Education, who reported the result of the election.

*Resolved*, That as it has been found impracticable, by reason of maintaining the integrity of General Synod with the publishers of the new edition of Psalms and Hymns, to comply with the wishes of those churches who desired the republication of the former book, till 10,000 copies of the new book be published, that, therefore, this Synod very affectionately and earnestly recommend to all the churches which are willing to help Synod out of a difficult and unexpected position, to *adopt* the new book, and make a fair experiment of its use.

*Resolved*, That to relieve as much as possible those churches which cannot comply with this recommendation, the churches or individuals who may adopt the new book be requested to send their copies of the old edition to Mr. Moffet, residing in Fulton street, No. 103, New York, or E. H. Pease, Albany, with a view to their sale.

## ARTICLE XXV.

### RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$11 50, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the families in this city, who have entertained its members during its present session, for their kind and generous hospitality.

*Resolved*, That the Synod hereby present their thanks to the minister and Consistory of the First Reformed Protestant Dutch

Church of Brooklyn, for the use of their church and Consistory-room, for the purposes of the present meeting.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz., Rev. Ferdinand Vanderveer, Richard L. Schoonmaker, E. S. Hammond ; and the Elders Horatio P. Allen, James F. Gardner, Daniel C. Dusenbury, John L. Vandewater, and Teunis Van Vechten.

The Minutes were read, and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

### A D J O U R N M E N T .

The resolution of the last meeting of the Synod, fixing the place of the next stated session at Brooklyn, being reconsidered, it was

*Resolved*, That the next ordinary meeting of the General Synod be held on the first Wednesday in June, A. D. 1849, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Reformed Dutch church on Lafayette Place, in the city of New York.

Synod was closed by singing the 2d part of the 90th Psalm, and prayer and pronouncing the apostolic benediction by the President.

THOMAS E. VERMILYE, *President*.

ISAAC N. WYCKOFF, }  
JEREMIAH SEARLE, } *Adsessors*.

WILLIAM A. MILLER, }  
EDWARD P. STIMSON, } *Clerks*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk*.



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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, ON WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE SIXTH TO THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Acts ix. 31: “*Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*”

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

#### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., Isaac S. Demund, Abel T. Stewart. *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest, John Delamater, Daniel P. Ingraham.\*

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\* Took his seat on the second day of the session.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, James M. Matthews, D. D.\* *Elders*—Horatio P. Allen, Daniel R. Hitchcock.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Aaron A. Marcellus, George J. Van Neste, John L. Zabriskie.† *Elder*—John I. Deforest.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. James Romeyn, Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., and Cornelius Blauvelt.(b) *Elders*—Hartman Van Wagenen, Peter C. Westervelt, Jun., Stephen Garretson.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Peter Allen, Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., and Daniel Lord. *Elder*—Abraham D. Vervalen.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., R. Ormiston Currie, John A. Baldwin. *Elders*—Chas. Lott, Jeremiah Ryder.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Garret I. Garretson, William R. Gordon, William H. Van Doren. *Elders*—Charles Henry, John Fowler.\*

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. Jacob R. Van Arsdale, Gabriel Ludlow,\* and John Van Liew.\* *Elders*—Rinear Roland, John Kline.\*

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Cornelius C. Van Cleef, Abraham Polhemus.\* (a) *Elders*—

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Horace Doolittle, Abraham G. Ryerson,(a) and Barnabas V. Collins.¶ *Elders*—

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. N. D. Williamson.

\* Took his seat on the second day of the session.

† Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

¶ Took his seat on the third day of the session.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.

(b) Succeeded on the seventh day of the session by his secundus, Rev. W. J. R. Taylor.

12. *From the Classis of Hudson*.—Rev. John G. Johnson,\* (a) Ira C. Boice.¶ *Elder*—Frederic F. Ham.

#### FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany*.—Rev. John A. Lansing, (d) David A. Jones, and Philip Pelts. *Elders*—Teunis Van Vechten,† Benjamin Van Natta.‡

2. *From the Classis of Ulster*.—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Thomas C. Strong. *Elders*—Jacob Burhans, Elijah Alliger, (a) Jonathan Auchmoody.‡

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer*.—Rev. William Bailey, Elbert Nevius. *Elder*—John A. Whitbeck.

4. *From the Classis of Washington*.—Rev. Joseph Parry, John H. Pitcher, and Henry Morris.\* *Elders*—Ludovicus Viele.§

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery*.—Rev. Charles G. McLean, D. D., (b) James Murphy, D. D. *Elders*—

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie*.—Rev. E. S. Hammond, Alanson B. Chittenden, and Jacob West. *Elder*—Ralph Manning.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady*.—Cornelius S. Mead,\* (a) *Elders*—

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga*.—Rev. Jacob C. Dutcher, James V. Henry, James A. H. Cornell. (a) *Elders*—Vincent Conrad, John B. Burnet.¶§

\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of session.

¶ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence after the *fourth* day of session.

(a) Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of session.

(b) Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

(d) Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

9. *From the Classis of Orange*.—Rev. John W. Ward, John T Demarest, Samuel W. Mills.\* *Elders*—

10. *From the Classis of Greene*.—Rev. David Murdock.(b) *Elder*—Elisha Blackmar.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan*.—Rev. Andrew B. Taylor.¶

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet*.—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn. *Elder*—Clarkson F. Crosby.

### ARTICLE III.

#### M O D E R A T O R S .

The Rev. George H. Fisher was chosen *President*; the Rev. Garret I. Garretson was chosen *Adessor*; and the Rev. William R. Gordon and Thomas C. Strong were chosen *Clerks pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session, and those of the adjourned session of the Synod, held in the month of September last, were read.

\* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

¶ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

(b) Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.



## ARTICLE I.

## ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

## ARTICLE II.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, Benjamin C. Taylor, and R. Ormiston Currie; and the Elders, Teunis Van Vechten and Abraham Van Nest.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, A. A. Marcellus, and Abel T. Stewart; and the Elders, John Delamater and Charles Henry.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, Garret J. Garretson, and Elbert Nevius; and the Elders, Stephen Garretson and Clarkson F. Crosby.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, Isaac S. Demund, and David Murdock; and the Elders, Vincent Conrad and Ludovicus Viele.

*On Overtures and Judicial Business.*—Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, John W. Ward, and James Murphy; and the Elders, Charles Lott and Jonathan Auchmoody.

*On Accounts.*—Rev. J. Abeel Baldwin, John H. Pitcher, and William Bailey; and the Elders, Ralph Manning and Frederick F. Ham.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. James Romeyn, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Alexander R. Thompson; and the Elders, Jacob Burhans and Elisha Blackmar.

*On Education.*—Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Benjamin C. Taylor, and John F. Schermerhorn; and the Elders, Daniel P. Ingraham and John A. Whitbeck.

*On Nominations.*—Rev. Garret J. Garretson, Cornelius C. Van Cleef, and William H. Van Doren; and the Elders, Horatio P. Allen and Stephen Garretson.

*On the Widows' Fund.*—Rev. James M. Matthews, David A. Jones, and James Murphy; and the Elders, Jonathan Auchmoody and Abraham D. Vervalen.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

The Committee on the Synodical Report beg leave to report: That the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in stated session in the Theological Hall in New-Brunswick on Tuesday, July 18th, 1848, at 12 o'clock M.

The following members were present :

Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D.,	Rev. John B. Steele,
“ M. S. Hutton, D. D.,	“ Edward P. Stimson,
“ Talbot W. Chambers,	“ William Demarest,
“ Benj. C. Taylor, D. D.,	“ Joseph Knieskern,
“ John L. Janeway,	“ John C. Van Liew,
“ John H. Duryea,	“ John C. F. Hoes,
“ Maurice W. Dwight, D. D.,	“ Robert P. Lee,
“ Garret J. Garretson,	“ William A. Cornell,
“ Alexander M. Mann,	“ William Pitcher,
“ Ira C. Boice,	“ Henry Morris.
“ Staats Van Santvoord,	

The Classis of Philadelphia was not represented at this meeting.

In the absence of the last President, the Rev. Dr. Taylor was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board was organized by the election of the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., *President*, and Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, *Clerk pro tem*.

From the Report of the Theological Faculty, the following information is derived. There have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Institution during the last year the following young gentlemen, viz. :

#### *Of the Senior Class, 11.*

Cornelius D. Elting,	John Steele,	John A. Todd,
John W. Hammond,	Charles S. Stitt,	Rutgers Van Brunt,
Philip Peltz,	Peter Stryker,	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Samuel Y. Searle,	William H. Ten Eyck,	



*Of the Middle Class, 9.*

William Anderson,	Hugh G. Hedges,	John W. Schenck,
Henry Eckel,	Philip Phelps, Jr.,	Benjamin F. Snyder,
Jno. Mason Ferris,	Theodore B. Romeyn,	Jacob Van Woert.

*Of the Junior Class, 12.*

James Romeyn Berry,	James Lent,	Samuel Scudder,
Henry Dayter,	Benjamin Lippincott,	J. Paschal Strong,
Anson Dubois,	Samuel Lockwood,	Wesley Taylor,
Watts Galusha,	Thomas G. Schriver,	Henry V. Voorhees.

The Faculty recommended to the favorable action of the Board the request of Mr. Hedges of the Middle Class for a dismissal, for the purpose of connecting himself with the Theological Seminary of Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Hedges having selected as the field of his labor either South America or France, it was supposed that a year's study at Geneva would be of great advantage. The Board resolved to grant Mr. Hedges' request.

Two cases of irregular prosecution of the appointed studies were presented to the notice of the Board; the first, that of Mr. Schriver, who had been called home by pressing affliction, but expected to return and take his place with the Junior Class of next term. With this arrangement the Board did not interfere.

The other case is that of Mr. Strong, who did not apply for admission into the Seminary until the latter part of the month of November. The Faculty not feeling authorized to receive him unconditionally so long after the opening of the session, referred his case to the direction of the Board. In view of all the circumstances, the Board resolved to allow Mr. Strong to take full standing with the class.

The students of the several classes were examined by the Professors in the various studies of their respective departments, and the members of the Senior Class were examined on their personal piety, and their views in desiring to enter the ministry. They also exhibited specimens of sermonizing and preaching. In view of which it was

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached in the evening of the first day of the session by the Rev. M. S. Hutton, D. D. And at the close of the examination, the address to the students was delivered by Rev. Robert P. Lee, Jr.

The seats of the following members of the Board will become vacant at the time of the next annual meeting of the General Synod, viz. :

Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D., *of the Classis of Bergen.*

“ M. W. Dwight, D. D., *South Classis of Long Island.*

“ Ira C. Boice, *Classis of Hudson.*

“ Robert P. Lee, Jr., *Classis of Orange.*

“ M. S. Hutton, D. D., *South Classis of New-York.*

“ William Demarest, *Classis of Schoharie.*

“ William A. Cornell, *Classis of Greene.*

In conclusion, the Board would express to General Synod the high gratification which they have felt in attending upon their duties on this occasion. The display of talents, the marks of diligence and attention shown by the examination, the pulpit talent exhibited, and the entire deportment of the young men, were such as to call forth the highest praise of your Board, and to lead to the indulgence of great hopes of their future usefulness.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *President.*

A true copy from the Minutes.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk of the Board.*

*New-Brunswick, Sept. 20th, 1848.*

A communication was received from the Classis of Illinois, accompanied with several documents in relation to certain proceedings which have been had by said Classis and the Presbytery of Peoria, in regard to the church of Brunswick, under the care of the said Classis; which were read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Reports were received from the Classes of Cayuga, Orange, Watervliet, New-York, Paramus, Poughkeepsie, North Classis of Long Island, Bergen, South Classis of New-York, New-Brunswick, South Classis of Long Island, and Montgomery, in relation to the proposed new organization of the Particular Synods, which were referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Abraham Polhemus, John Van Liew, Nicholas D. Williamson, and the Elders, Jacob Burhans and Charles Lott, to ascertain and report the result.

A communication was received from the Classis of Cayuga, recommending an individual as a suitable person to receive aid from the funds of the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

## ARTICLE IV.

### BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual

Digest, a list of the investments by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, relative to the Knox and Van Benschoten Funds.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church :*

The Board of Direction respectfully report : That at their first meeting after the last stated session of Synod, according to authority given them by the Synod, they appointed an agent to collect from the friends of the Church five thousand dollars to relieve the embarrassment of the treasury, and for other objects regarded by Synod as desirable and important. This appointment, from which the Board expected entire relief, was declined. Subsequently another appointment was made, and with the same result. With great regret, therefore, the Board are compelled to report to Synod that the object has not yet been attained. It must not however be lost sight of, or much longer postponed. The treasury of the Synod cannot be at ease until it shall be accomplished.

The necessity of the case has been greatly augmented since our last report. It is hoped that a suitable agent may be obtained, and that the friends of the Church will freely come to its relief.

Very recently the fences around the grounds of Rutgers College were blown down by wind. Being repaired as far as their condition would admit, a subsequent and more violent wind prostrated them entirely, rendering them incapable of being repaired so as to be either permanent, or creditable in appearance, and the grounds became exposed to all manner of invasion. The inhabitants of the city of New-Brunswick, and others, having proposed to contribute the sum of two thousand dollars towards the erection of a permanent and suitably ornamental fence around the grounds, and for other College purposes, provided a like sum for the same object should be contributed by the Synod, the Board have felt themselves constrained to yield to the necessity of the case, and trusting that upon a due appeal the liberality of the Churches will soon replace the amount, have directed their President and Treasurer to borrow three thousand five hundred dollars; apply the necessary amount towards the erection of the fences, pay off the note for twelve hundred dollars held by the Bank of New-York, and the interest due thereon, and employ the balance in needful repairs of the College edifice.

The state of the treasury is not as favorable as when we last reported, inasmuch as the debt of Synod has been increased, and no provision has been made for their contingent expenses.

The Treasurer's Report will exhibit fully and clearly all the details of the treasury in its several departments. The vested funds, it is believed, are safely secured, the interest is punctually paid, and no

losses have occurred. The influence of the Widows' Fund is most beneficent to the whole extent to which it reaches. The Board, without hesitation or reserve, recommend it to the favor of the ministry and the churches. Their only regret respecting it is, that the fund increases so very slowly. The state of this fund will appear by the accounts of the Treasurer, which will be submitted by him to Synod.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, will furnish the General Synod with all further information that may be required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY,

JOHN KNOX,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

} *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, 4th June, 1849.*

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as refers to the Board of Education and the Education Funds, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in  
Account with ISAAC YOUNG, their Treasurer.*

1848.		Dr.	
June 1	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, due 1st inst.....	\$150 00	
	Postage paid by him,.....	87	
			\$150 87
3	“ “ Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....		393 75
5	“ “ Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....		393 75
6	“ “ B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, the balance of Interest on the invested Scholarships, up to the 4th inst., .....		988 77
7	“ “ Isaac Young, Treasurer, one year's salary, due 10th inst., .....	\$250 00	
	Postage, &c., paid by him, .....	1 59	
	for management of the Widows' Fund,.....	150 00	
	Postage, &c., paid by him,.....	14	
			401 73
9	“ “ Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....		437 50
10	“ “ Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn, ..		100 00
16	“ “ Rev. James R. Talmage, paid by him into the Widows' Fund and now withdrawn, ..		80 00
19	“ “ Rev. I. S. Demund, paid by him into the Widows' Fund and now withdrawn, ..		200 00
19	“ “ the following persons, their expenses, &c., incurred in attending the meetings of the Committee on the State of the Church, viz. :—		
	Rev. Jas. Romeyn, &c., disbursements, .....	\$22 22	
	Rev. John Garretson, ..	14 00	
	Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., ..	15 00	
			51 22
	Carried forward, .....		\$3,197 59

1848.	Dr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$3,197 59
June 21	To cash paid Dr. Strong, advanced by him for the Door-keeper's bill for attendance, &c., at the Session of General Synod at Kingston, 7th inst.,.....\$17 31 Printing nominations, ..... 3 00 Transportation,..... 39	
		20 70
27	" " Rev. Dr. Hutton, his travelling expenses as Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Baltimore in the month of May last, .....	16 00
July 14	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of \$5,000 to said College, due 20th June last,.....\$300 00 Also paid him a dividend on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock belonging to said College,..... 2 50	
		302 50
20	" " John A. Gray, for printing Minutes of General Synod, of their meeting in June last, with Appendix and Digest,.....	343 99
27	" " Theodore B. Romeyn, the successful competitor for the Van Doren prize Essay on Missions, for the year 1848,.....	20 00
Aug. 7	" " Rutgers Van Brunt, the successful competitor for the Van Doren prize Essay on Missions, for the year 1847,.....	14 00
	" " Rev. John Garretson, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn, ..	60 00
Sept. 4	" " Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	393 75
15	" " Rev. Dr. S. A. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	393 75
18	" " Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, disbursed by him for copying the Minutes of the Triennial Convention of Delegates, from the Dutch and German Reformed Churches, .....	3 31
22	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst., .....	437 50
25	" " John Compton, Janitor of Rutgers College, towards his salary for six months, due 25th July last,.....	50 00
October 20	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one half of the salary of the Librarian of said College ending on the 1st April next,....\$50 00 and for fuel for said College for the current year, ..... 20 00	
		70 00
	Carried forward,.....	\$5,323 09

1848.		Dr.	
		Brought forward,.....	\$5,323 09
Oct.	21	To cash paid Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, Delegate from General Synod to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, his travelling expenses to Hagerstown, Md.,.....	36 50
	23	“ “ John A. Gray, for printing Minutes of the adjourned Meeting of General Synod, held at Brooklyn in September last,.....	44 29
Nov.	1	“ “ the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz :— Clarissa H. Wood, ..... \$87 50 Mary Bourne, ..... 50 00 Lydia M. W. Sluyter, ..... 100 00 Rev. Z. H. Kuypers, ..... 100 00 Catharine E. Van Wagenen, ..... 100 00 Maria Rudy, ..... 75 00 Jane Hunt, ..... 37 50	550 00
	24	“ “ B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December next,.....	150 00
	29	“ “ Rev. Ira C. Boice, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,.....	40 00
Dec.	2	“ “ Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	4	“ “ Rev. James S. Cannon, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	7	“ “ Rev. Alexander McClelland, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437 50
	9	“ “ A. Demarest, Treasurer of the Reformed Dutch church at Greenwich, collected in said church for the Widows' Fund, to be applied to the payment of the subscription of their pastor to said fund for 1847,.....	20 00
	11	“ “ Rev. Dr. Vermilye, Chairman, &c., the expenses of the Committee of Eight, to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College, ..... 38 40	
1849.			
Jan.	2	“ “ B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December last,.....	250 00
	5	“ “ Peter Spader, disbursed by him for repairing a wood-house at Rutgers College, injured by fire, ..... 35 32	
	15	“ “ premium of Insurance for \$8,000 on Rutgers College for one year, ..... 48 00	
	22	“ “ the Door-keeper's bill for attendance on General Synod at their meeting at Brooklyn 27th September last, &c.,..... 11 50	
		Carried forward,.....	\$7,772 10

1849.		Dr.	
Jan.	23	Brought forward,.....	\$7,772 10
		To cash paid John Compton, on account of his salary as Janitor of Rutgers College, to 25th October last, .....	25 00
	29	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December last,.....	250 00
Feb.	15	" " Rev. Dr. William C. Brownlee, annuitant, due to him on the 1st November last, out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the preceding year,.....	200 00
March	3	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437 50
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	7	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393 75
	8	" " Rev. Samuel Robertson, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,...	100 00
	30	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, &c., of the Board of Education, the balance of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December last,.....	426 63
April	11	" " Rev. Ralph Willis, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,...	20 00
May	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz. :— Clarissa H. Wood,..... \$87 50 Mary Bourne,..... 50 00 Lydia M. W. Sluyter,..... 100 00 Rev. Z. H. Kuypers,..... 100 00 Catharine E. Van Wagenen,..... 100 00 Maria Rudy,..... 75 00 Jane Hunt,..... 37 50 Rev Dr. W. C. Brownlee,..... 100 00	650 00
	5	" " Daniel Fanshaw, loaned to him on his bond, dated this day, secured by mortgage, payable in one year, with interest at 7 per cent, .....	2,700 00
	14	" " Rev. Ransford Wells, his subscription for the year 1844 to the Widows' Fund, withdrawn,.....	20 00
	28	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., to be applied to payment for the fences to be erected and the repairs to be done at Rutgers College,.....	2,000 00
	28	" " Bank of New-York principal and interest of a Note of General Synod to said Bank, ..	1,346 29
		Carried forward,.....	16,735 02



1849.	Dr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$16,735 02
May 28	To cash paid the following persons, their travelling expenses, &c., incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, viz. :—	
	Rev. A. H. Mann,.....	\$9 50
	“ J. C. Van Liew,.....	28 00
	“ John H. Duryea,.....	3 00
	“ William A. Cornell,.....	5 00
	“ Joseph Knieskern,.....	13 50
	“ William Pitcher,.....	9 00
	“ Robert P. Lee, Jr.,.....	5 00
	“ S. Van Santvoord,.....	10 00
	“ E. P. Stimson,.....	9 50
	“ J. B. Steele,.....	11 50
	“ John C. F. Hoes,.....	5 50
	“ William Demarest,.....	10 00
	“ D. D. Demarest, Stated Clerk,.....	.. ..
	“ “ disbursements, &c ,... ..	5 06
	“ Ira C. Boice,.....	8 50
	“ A. M. Mann,.....	5 00
	“ Henry Morris,.....	9 00
	“ Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,.....	1 50
	“ Talbot W. Chambers,.....	6 00
	“ Maurice W. Dwight, D. D.,.....	1 50
	“ George H. Fisher, D. D.,.....	2 00
		158 06
May 31	To balance carried to new account,.....	2,118 76
		<u>\$19,011 84</u>

1848.	Cr.		
June	1	Balance brought from last account,.....	\$3,867 22
	2	By cash received, balance of a collection in the Market street church, New-York, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's subscription,.....	29 70
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due 4th inst.,.....	120 00
July	24	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, the interest for 1847, on the Missionary Prize Essay bond, given by him,.....	14 00
		" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, the interest for 1848, on the Missionary Prize Essay bond, given by him,.....	20 00
August	14	" " six months' interest on bond for \$1,000, due yesterday,.....	35 00
	15	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 31st July last,.....	105 00
Sept.	2	" " six months' interest on bond for \$12,000, due 21st August last,.....	390 00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for \$3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105 00
Oct.	17	" " six months' interest on bonds for \$3,500, due yesterday,.....	122 50
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for \$8,500, due 31 inst.,.....	297 50
	28	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 23d inst.,.....	70 00
Nov.	2	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,800, due 27th October last,.....	98 00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 1st inst.,.....	210 00
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for \$8,300, due this day,.....	290 50
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,500, due 26th October last,.....	87 50
	16	" " six months' interest on bonds for \$9,600,.....	288 00
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for \$10,000 due this day,.....	350 00
	27	" " six months' interest on bond for \$2,000, due 1st inst.,.....	70 00
		" " on account of six months' interest on bond for \$5,000, due 1st inst.,.....	150 00
Dec.	27	" " of Jacob C. Sears, D. D., being the balance of the amount necessary to entitle him to the full benefit of the Widows' Fund,.....	22 83
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for \$4,000, due yesterday,.....	140 00
	19	" " collected in the First Reformed Dutch church at New-Brunswick, for the Widows' Fund,.....	11 26
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for \$6,000, due 21st November last,.....	210 00
Carried forward,.....			\$7,104 01

1848.	Cr.		
	Brought forward,.....		\$7,104 01
Dec. 23	By cash received, the balance of six months' interest on		
1849	bond for \$5,000, due 1st Nov. last,...		25 00
Jan. 10	"	six months' interest on bonds for \$6,700,	201 00
29	"	collected in the North Dutch church in	
		New-York, for the Widows' Fund,...	50 75
Feb. 3	"	six months' interest on bond for \$3,500,	
		due 31st January last,.....	105 00
13	"	six months' interest on bond for \$1,000,	
		due this day,.....	35 00
20	"	on account of six months' interest on	
		bond for \$3,500, due 1st March next,	105 00
21	"	six months' interest on bonds for \$26,000	
		of Collegiate Dutch Churches, .....	780 00
March 10	"	six months' interest on bond for \$12,000,	
		due 21st February last,.....	390 00
30	"	nine months' interest on bond for \$2,900,	
		due 16th inst.,.....	130 50
31	"	balance of six months' interest on bond	
		for \$3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	17 50
April 9	"	being the balance due on the bond of	
		George Miller for \$3,000,...\$2,000 00	
		and interest thereon from the	
		1st Nov. last to this date, .	61 83
			2,061 83
13	"	six months' interest on bond for \$8,500,	
		due 3d inst.,.....	297 50
18	"	six months' interest on bond for \$3,500,	
		due 16th inst.,.....	122 50
30	"	balance of a collection in the Reformed	
		Dutch church in Franklin street, for	
		the Widows' Fund,.....	3 58
30	"	six months' interest on bond for \$2,000,	
		due 23d inst.,.....	70 00
May 2	"	six months' interest on bond for \$2,800,	
		due 27th April last,.....	98 00
3	"	six months' interest on bond for \$6,000,	
		due 1st inst.,.....	210 00
5	"	on account of the principal of a bond	
		for \$3,300, dated 16th September, 1843,	700 00
5	"	six months' interest on bond for \$8,300,	
		due to-morrow,.....	290 50
12	"	six months' interest on bond for \$2,500,	
		due 26th April last,.....	87 50
22	"	six months' interest on bond for \$10,000,	
		due this day,.....	350 00
28	"	six months' interest on bond for \$5,000,	
		due 1st inst.,.....	175 00
28	"	of the Bank of New-York, loaned to	
		General Synod on their note dated this	
		day, payable on demand, with interest,	
29	"	four dividends on twenty-three shares of	3,500 00
		Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which	
		belong to Rutgers College,.....	37 37
	Carried forward,.....		\$16,947 54

1849.	Cr.	
May 30	Brought forward,.....	\$16,947 54
	By cash received of Rev. William H. Van Doren, interest for 1849 on the Missionary Prize Essay bond given by him,.....	20 00
"	"	
"	of the following persons the interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, viz. :—	
	Abraham Van Nest,.....	\$300 00
	David L. Haight,.....	30 00
	David H. Haight,.....	30 00
	John Oothout,.....	30 00
	Samuel Smith,.....	15 00
	Thomas C. Doremus,.....	30 00
	David W. Wetmore,.....	30 00
	Thomas C. Doremus,.....	30 00
	Jaques Cortelyou, 2 years,....	30 00
	Adrian Cortelyou, 11 years,....	165 00
30	"	690 00
"	of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the Widows' Fund :—	
	Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D.,.....	\$20 00
	" John M. Van Buren,.....	40 00
	" Edward H. May,.....	40 00
	" Barnabas V. Collins,.....	20 00
	" Charles S. Hageman,.....	40 00
	" Isaac S. Demund,.....	40 00
	" Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.,..	20 00
	" John S. Mabon,.....	40 00
	" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.,...	40 00
	" Samuel Harlow,.....	20 00
	" Nicholas E. Smith,.....	20 00
	" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,....	40 00
	" Jacob A. Lansing,.....	20 00
	" Benjamin Van Zandt,.....	20 00
	" Cornelius Wyckoff,.....	20 00
	" Peter D. Oakey,.....	20 00
	" James Scott, D. D.,.....	20 00
	" R. W. Knight,.....	20 00
	" David A. Jones,.....	20 00
	" John Abeel Baldwin,.....	20 00
	" Peter J. Quick,.....	20 00
	" William S. Heyer,.....	40 00
	" Israel Hammond,.....	20 00
	" W. W. Halloway,.....	20 00
	" R. Ormiston Currie,.....	20 00
	" A. B. Winfield,.....	20 00
	" Enoch Van Aken, and int., .	41 40
	" Ira C. Boice,.....	20 00
	" Thomas B. Gregory,.....	20 00
	" Nicholas J. Marselus, D. D.,	40 00
	" John Neander,.....	20 00
	" Joseph Wilson,.....	20 00
		\$841 40
Carried forward,.....	841 40	
		\$18,498 94

1849.	Cr.	
May 31	Brought forward,..... By cash rec'd of Rev. Benjamin Bassler,..... " Charles Jukes,..... " Oscar H. Gregory,..... " Samuel M. Woodbridge, ... " Ralph Willis,..... " James B. Hardenbergh, D.D. ... " Alexander H. Warner,..... " Henry A. Raymond,..... " Ransford Wells,..... " James Donald,..... " Charles Whitehead and int..	\$18,498 94 20 00 20 00 20 00 20 00 20 00 20 00 40 00 20 00 41 20
		261 20
	" " from the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod :— Hudson,..... Albany,..... Bergen,..... Schenectady,..... North Classis of Long Island, ... Orange,..... New-York,..... Schoharie,..... Paramus,..... Rensselaer,..... Passaic,..... South Classis of New-York,..... South Classis of Long Island, ... New-Brunswick,..... Illinois,..... Minutes sold,.....	4 50 5 00 25 49 8 00 12 25 30 00 56 25 8 00 12 00 15 00 5 00 15 00 15 00 37 59 2 00 62
		251 70
		<u>\$19,011 84</u>
31	By balance carried to new account,.....	<u>\$2,118 76</u>

[Errors excepted.]

31st May, 1849.

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of two thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-six cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, }  
 W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

New-York, June 5th, 1848.

# ANNUAL DIGEST.

1849.

THE Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :—

## FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

### THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st of April, 1849, to .....	
	\$20,250 00
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1849, .....	782 45
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1849, .....	1,349 20
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year, .....	1,080 00

### LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage of property in the State of New-Jersey, is .....	
	\$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1849, .....	120 00
Balance in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1849, .....	17 89
There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year, .....	145 00

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction for educational purposes, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, .....	
	\$31,135 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1849, .....	145 30
Balance of interest in his hands on that day, .....	749 82

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widows' Fund, .....	
	\$11,750 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, .....	321 01
Balance of income in his hands to be distributed, .....	182 14
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto, .....	1,400 00

**PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.**

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz. :

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except the Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, which are not accompanied by Mortgages,) .....	\$68,065 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st day of May, 1849, which is loaned on Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New-Jersey, .....	2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at .....	575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note, .....	510 50
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, .....	<u>2,118 76</u>
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, .....	\$25,200 00
From which is to be deducted this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected, .....	5,250 00
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good, .....	<u>\$19,950 00</u>

**BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**

There has been invested for this Board, on Bond secured by Mortgage, .....	<u>\$250 00</u>
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**MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.**

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the year, .....	\$251 70
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c. ....	<u>388 28</u>

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY,

JOHN KNOX,

THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

} *Directors.*

*New York, 31st May, 1849.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen : Mr. ABRAHAM VAN NEST, *President* ; Messrs. WILLIAM B. CROSBY, THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN, and Rev. JOHN KNOX, *Directors* ; and Mr. ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer*.

## ARTICLE V.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

The following report was received from the Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, one of the delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence:—

*To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:*

The undersigned, one of your delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, would respectfully state, that in October last, in accordance with his appointment, he attended the sessions of that body at Hager's City, Washington county, Md. Your delegate was cordially received, and treated with the utmost courtesy and Christian affection. The deliberations of that body were characterized with dignity, order, and an evident desire to elevate the character and extend the influence of their Church. While their transactions related principally to their own ecclesiastical concerns, they, however, adverted to the action of your body at its last session, touching the Triennial Convention, and adopted the following resolution: "That we recognize the withdrawal of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church from the Triennial Convention, by the act of their General Synod." Although this bond of union between the two denominations has been severed, still mutual fraternal feelings appear to be cherished. We discovered among our German brethren a laudable degree of zeal to extend the cause of Christ; and while they may not be able to accomplish as much as some sister churches to send the Gospel to foreign lands, they are taking enlarged views of the moral wants of the great West, and making corresponding efforts there to inculcate and defend the doctrines of the Reformation. They have within themselves the elements of great power and usefulness, which, if drawn forth and rightly directed, cannot fail to exert a propitious influence in extending the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. F. HOES.

*June 6th, 1849.*

The Rev. Charles F. McCauley, of the German Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church.



The following report was received from the Committee appointed to attend the Conference on the subject of Christian Union, (see Minutes, p. 142,) which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:—

The undersigned, in behalf of themselves and Rev. Dr. Knox, beg leave to report: That the Convention of Representatives of the Presbyterian Denominations, contemplated by the appointment of 1847, has been duly held. A delightful spirit prevailed, and it was apparent that there was a growing conviction, that a more intimate intercourse and union between the several branches of the Presbyterian family in this country was highly desirable and important. The preamble and resolutions which are herewith submitted for the approbation of Synod, were unanimously adopted. It will remain for the Synod to appoint its representatives in the next Convention, which is to meet at Albany on the 1st of November next, at 11 A. M.

The undersigned would venture to suggest for the consideration of the Synod, whether it would not be a most effectual means of disseminating more widely among our people those views of doctrine and church government we deem important, if the Synod recommended to our ministers and churches to render every facility in their power to colporteurs for the circulation of the many admirable works issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC FERRIS,	} <i>Delegates from the Reformed Dutch Church.</i>
THOMAS M. STRONG,	

*New-York, June 9th, 1849.*

The following are the preamble and resolutions referred to in the above report:—

In that memorable prayer, which our Lord addressed to the Father immediately previous to the consummation of his sufferings, we find this petition in behalf of his followers: “that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they may be one in us, that the world may know that thou hast sent me.” The union of all the members of the household of faith, in the truth and fellowship of the Gospel, should be not only the desire, but the aim of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. It is indeed the fact, that among all true believers, there does exist a spiritual union. They are all constituent members of that one body of which Christ is the living Head, and they are all partakers of the same Spirit. In the present world, however, they are imperfect in knowledge and in sanctification, and consequently, that spiritual union which exists among all the members of the body of Christ, is but imperfectly manifested. Their views of divine truth, so long as they see through a glass darkly, and know only in part, may be expected in a greater or less degree to differ; and consequently difficulties will arise, in the way of manifesting their union before the

view of the world. Both the prayers and the active efforts of the followers of Christ, should therefore be directed to the object of bringing into the unity of the faith the different portions of the Christian Church, so that they may not only be, but appear in the view of the world, one body in Christ.

Unhappily, the Church of Christ is at present divided into a great variety of distinct organizations. From this state of things it results, that instead of marching forward with a united front against the common foe, much of the time and strength of the different denominations of the Christian Church is wasted in opposing each other. And not unfrequently has the world beheld the strange spectacle of different portions of the Church opposing each other with a virulence in proportion to the nearness of their approximation to each other. Over this state of things, the Church has long had occasion to mourn; and it seems to be high time that some more systematic efforts should be made to bring into Christian fellowship the different portions of the household of faith. And in so far as some of the distinct portions of the Church are concerned, there is the greater encouragement to labor for the accomplishment of this object, since they already approximate so nearly to each other.

In our country, there now exist some six or eight distinct portions of the Presbyterian family, whose views of evangelical truth, as exhibited in their different standards, are substantially the same, and whose form of ecclesiastical order is the same. Could these bodies be brought more closely together, so as to act in concert, it is easy to see, that much more might be accomplished in advancing the interests of the common Christianity, and in promoting the universal diffusion of the Gospel, than is practicable in our present divided state. With a view to prepare the way in some degree for the consummation of an object so desirable, your Committee beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Convention, the following resolutions:—

Whereas, the Church of Jesus Christ constitutes one body, of which He is the Divine Head, and consequently should be so organized as to exhibit to the view of the world the appearance, as well as the reality of unity; and whereas, the present divided condition of the Church is, in appearance at least, inconsistent with her unity; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That it is the imperative duty of the followers of Christ to aim at bringing about a union of all the different portions of the household of faith upon a Scriptural basis.

*Resolved*, 2. That in the judgment of this Convention, it is not only desirable, but practicable, to effect a closer union than that which now exists among the bodies which are here represented, whereby they might more successfully accomplish the great work for which the Church was established.

And whereas, the views of the great system of evangelical truth, as exhibited in the standards of these different churches, namely, in the

Westminster Confession and Catechism, the Articles of the Synod of Dordrecht, and in the Heidelberg Catechism, are substantially the same; therefore,

*Resolved*, 3. That it is the duty of these churches to cultivate towards each other the spirit of fraternal affection, to exercise Christian forbearance, and to co-operate in all Scriptural efforts to promote the common Christianity.

*Resolved*, 4. That in the judgment of this Convention, while the singing of God's praise is an interesting part of religious worship, and while, for the present, it is left to the different churches to employ whichever of the authorized versions now in use may be most acceptable to them, the sacred songs contained in the Book of Psalms are every way suitable and proper for that purpose, and any intimation that they breathe a spirit inconsistent with the Gospel, is to be regarded as a reflection upon their Divine Author.

*Resolved*, 5. That where it is practicable, without any surrender of principle, an interchange of ministerial services be recommended, and that the different churches pay respect to each other's acts of discipline, and sustain each other in all Scriptural efforts to promote the good order and to preserve the purity of the Church.

*Resolved*, 6. That in the prosecution of the work of missions, it is desirable that these different churches, as far as practicable, should act in concert; the missionaries, in the exercise of their ministry, being accountable to the particular body with which they are ecclesiastically connected.

*Resolved*, 7. That for the promotion of a better understanding and more intimate intercourse between these different churches, it is desirable that a correspondence be maintained, either by letter or by delegation, as may be judged most expedient.

*Resolved*, 8. That these resolutions be recommended to the consideration of the different churches represented in this Convention, that they may report their judgment in the premises to a future Convention to be held in the city of Albany on the first day of November next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman*.

Ten copies of the Minutes of the last session of the Synod of the German Reformed Church were received and laid upon the table of Synod.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that their attention has been called to the following subjects:—

1. A communication from the Classis of Illinois, complaining of the action of the Presbytery of Peoria, for having received under the cir-

cumstances of the case, under their care and jurisdiction, the church of Brunswick, hitherto belonging to said Classis. A representation of the agency of the Rev. W. J. Fraser in bringing about this result, and of the gross want of order by means of which he had succeeded, was made by the Classis to the Presbytery, who, it is alleged, instead of requiring Mr. Fraser to discontinue his labors at Brunswick, and delaying action upon an application of that church to be received under their care until an opportunity could be had to attempt a reconciliation of the disaffected, at once received them without a letter of dismission, and prevented all action on the subject.

The course complained of has eventuated in the loss of a congregation, one of our first fruits at the West, collected and organized by our instrumentalities, and accommodated with grounds and an edifice from our resources. Although the latter have been reclaimed after attempted seizure, the warrantable and specifically desirable ends proposed by our efforts are thus frustrated. The accompanying documents fully bear out your Committee in recommending the following resolution, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That the action of the Presbytery of Peoria, in the light of the documents before them, is deemed to be at variance with the spirit of our articles of Correspondence, to tend directly to defeat the desirable ends proposed by their establishment; and that the Classis of Illinois be directed to carry up the case to the appropriate judicatories of the Presbyterian Church, if in their judgment, on a careful review, they shall still deem it expedient and necessary.

2. A report from the Committee of Synod, appointed in 1847, to attend a Convention of representatives of the various Presbyterian Denominations. Your Committee view this in connection with other movements of kindred character to be one of the encouraging signs of the times, that the Lord is about to bring again Zion; and without dwelling upon the importance of the object in view, or attempting to enforce the obligation to secure it, recommend the following resolutions :—

1st. That the Synod cheerfully express their cordial approbation of the principles and rules set forth in the preamble and resolutions of said Convention.

2d. That in accordance with the suggestion of the delegates, they recommend the ministers and churches under their care to render every facility in their power to colporteurs for the circulation of the many admirable works issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, that bear directly on the great distinctive principles of evangelical truth and Presbyterian order.

3d. That Rev. Jacob Van Vechten and Isaac N. Wyckoff be delegates to represent the Reformed Dutch Church in the Convention to be held in pursuance of the proposed object at Albany, on the 1st day of November ensuing.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ROMEYN, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen :—

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, *Primarius*, and Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, *Secundus*.

*To the Synod of the German Reformed Church*—Rev. William R. Gordon and Talbot W. Chambers, *Primarii*, and Rev. Gabriel Ludlow and David D. Demarest, *Secundi*.

## ARTICLE VI.

### SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulations, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of its session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, J. C. F. Hoes, and John A. Lansing, and the Elders, John Delamater and Vincent Conrad.

*Resolved*, That a Synodical prayer-meeting be held every morning during the present session, in the Consistory Room of the church on Lafayette Place, to commence at 6 o'clock.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the State of Religion report : That, in the performance of the work assigned them, they have sought for all the light they could obtain upon a subject so important and interesting to every one who loves the welfare and prosperity of our Church. It would be very gratifying to them to be able to tell much that is encouraging and animating, but fidelity requires that they should confine themselves, in their statement, to facts, and represent matters just as they are. There are evidences sufficient of the outward prosperity of our Church, and of the faithfulness of those to whom her interests and concerns are intrusted. There can be no doubt that the truth is preached in its purity, and the young carefully indoctrinated in Bible and catechetical classes and Sabbath-schools; that Gospel order is maintained; that there is a good degree of harmony among us; and that there is a measure of willingness, on the part of our people, to contribute to the support of the religious and benevolent institutions and enterprises of the day. All this is evident, and affords occasion for rejoicing and gratitude. But we wish it were in our power to go far beyond this.

The truth is that, as to her spiritual condition, our Church is far from being prosperous, and there is clearly manifest a lack of the con-

verting influence of the Holy Ghost. The reports of the two Particular Synods, embodying those of the different Classes under their care, force us to this conclusion. As a general rule, the accessions to the churches from the world, by a public profession of religion, have been small. The whole number added, so far as it can be ascertained from the statistical tables, does not amount to more than 1,225. Divide these among the 198 churches from which reports have been received, and you have an average of not seven for each church. The number must strike every one as small—lamentably small.

There are indications of the special presence of God in a few of the churches of each Synod, mentioned in the reports, to which we ought to advert, not only because we feel it to be a duty, but because it will prove that a gracious God has not utterly forsaken this part of his heritage. It will tend to excite hope, too, that, having vouchsafed a little reviving to some, he will return to others and revive them also; and that upon those already revived, in a measure, he will be still more indulgent, and pour out a blessing so copious that there will not be room enough to receive it. The churches thus distinguished in the Particular Synod of Albany are, those of Bethlehem, Second ditto, Union, Salem, Berne, Knox, in the Classis of Albany; Amity and Helderberg, in the Classis of Schenectady; and especially, as we should judge from the number of forty-six added to its communion, that of Kiskatom, in the Classis of Greene. In the Particular Synod of New-York, the churches mentioned are, the Middle Dutch church and church of Bedford, in the South Classis of Long Island; Middlebush, Second and Third churches of Raritan, in the Classis of New-Brunswick; Tompkinsville, in the South Classis of New-York; and it would seem, in some degree, that of Wyckoff, in the Classis of Passaic.

Still we cannot avoid the conviction, that it is with us truly a day of small things. These instances of revival, though undoubtedly calculated somewhat to cheer us when the general aspect of things around us is gloomy and discouraging, are after all only a very few exceptions from a general rule, and are, for the most part, on a small scale, exhibiting results which, in a season of great religious prosperity, such as the churches have enjoyed heretofore, and may be expected to enjoy again, would be considered hardly deserving of notice in a report on the state of the churches. We hope not to be misunderstood or misinterpreted here, as if we undervalued the events alluded to. We dare not do this, neither are we inclined to do it; but simply use them as illustrations and proofs of the low state to which we are reduced, when we are so affected by events which derive a large part of their power to interest us from existing circumstances.

Your Committee fear that there is too much reason for the impression which prevails, that the spirit of the world has exerted too much influence upon the members of the Church. There is an eagerness and recklessness after worldly wealth, and pleasure, and amusement, which we cannot help lamenting and fearing. We think the line of demarkation is becoming less and less distinct, and that the professed

disciples of Jesus Christ seem to be fast losing sight of the truth that the kingdom of their Master is not of this world, and that they have been redeemed by his blood, that they might be, and that they might be seen and acknowledged to be a peculiar people.

This statement is not made with a view of increasing a feeling of discouragement—a feeling too prevalent perhaps, already, in the midst of us ; this would only tend to aggravate the evil. Discouragement always produces inaction and inefficiency, so far as it exerts an influence on our minds ; and arising, as it does in a good degree, from a distrust of the promises and assurances of God's Word, though masking itself often under the appearance of humility, it cannot but be displeasing to God, who may be expected, on this account, to withdraw himself still farther from us. The object of your Committee has been to ascertain and honestly set down the truth, that a feeling of dissatisfaction with our present condition might be deepened, if not produced ; and we are sure there will be but one hearty response when we say that these things ought not so to be. The sweet remembrance of a far different state of things, existing not very long since in our beloved Zion, as well as elsewhere, prompts the earnest offering up of the petition, "Return, O Lord ! we beseech thee, and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us ; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Such a state of things need not be, and has been too long already. We are not straitened in the all-sufficiency, the goodness, the truth, the unchangeableness of a covenant God. The weapons of our warfare, though not carnal, are still mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds, if diligently, skilfully, energetically and perseveringly used, and used, too, in humble dependence on Him from whose armory they have been taken. We need no new methods of winning souls to Christ, or of building up his people in their most holy faith ; only let the old be faithfully plied in a right spirit, and the triumph must be achieved. If in a desponding frame of mind, fretting and uttering complaints when we ought to be acting, we may lay ourselves open to the reproof addressed to Joshua when Israel was smitten before the men of Ai : "Get thee up ; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face ? Israel have sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I have commanded them." The accursed thing which brought disaster and defeat upon the armies of Israel may, in some form or another, be in the midst of our spiritual Israel, not only in one place but in many, and may stand an insuperable barrier in the way of our success and prosperity. We hope we shall be excused for our plainness of speech when we say, that evil must be sought for and extirpated, so far as it is to be reached and can be dealt with, in our hearts, and families, and churches, and congregations ; and then for a

new, united, steady and determined effort to advance against the common foe. While fighting under the banner and in the name and strength of Israel's God, we shall make our efforts to be felt, and the results of our efforts to be seen and acknowledged. May we not be permitted to say that, in the great work of bringing about a happier state of things in the Church, the ministry are expected to take the lead, and fitly so, because of the peculiarity of the position in which the Head of the Church hath placed them? How suitable and spirit-stirring, and encouraging too, to pastors, the exhortation once addressed to Ezra by his brethren: "Arise, for this matter belongeth unto thee; we also will be with thee: be of good courage and do it." Although foremost in the conflict, we will not be left to proceed alone. There will be those among the officers of the Church and the members of its communion, and even among the congregation, a band of men whose hearts God hath touched, who will rally around us and co-operate with us. Recent events have shown us the prodigies which can be performed when the leaders put themselves at the heads of their several detachments, and the word addressed to them is *come*, not *go*.

Your Committee would use the freedom to say, that another state of things is necessary to our own personal comfort, welfare, and usefulness, even as a state of declension is hostile to them all. It is necessary to the salvation of our children and of our people who are still out of Christ; for what will all our efforts avail without a large supply of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus? It is necessary to the efficiency of the Sabbath-school and every other religious and benevolent agency among us, for the languor of the spiritual principle paralyzes the movements of them all. In such a state of things, men, even good men, become in a good degree selfish and covetous. It is necessary to the honor and efficiency of our own Church; for who is there among us, whether born within her pale or one of her children by adoption, that does not desire to see her hold rank among the very first of her sister denominations in Christian holiness and enterprise,—that does not wish her to take her full part in the world's regeneration? But how sullied and crippled must she be in a state of spiritual decline. And what we do must be done quickly. The fall of so many of our brethren—some of them in the very midst of life, and possessing unusual qualifications for usefulness,—men, on whom our affections and hopes were fixed, and who were regarded as about to act a conspicuous and prominent part for many years in the concerns of the Church—reminds us that what we do must be done quickly,—that we must work while it is day.

During the past year the following brethren in the ministry in our Church have been removed by death: The Rev. John P. Spinner, of the Classis of Montgomery; Rev. P. S. Wynkoop, of the Classis of Rennselaer; Rev. William Cahoon, of the Classis of New-York; Rev. John S. Mabon, and Rev. William J. Pohlman, missionary to China.



Your Committee have endeavored to perform their duty, as the servants of the General Synod, according to the best of their ability, and under the influence, so far as they know their own hearts, of upright motives. They have expressed themselves freely but respectfully, at least such has been their intention, and now submit what they have done to the pleasure of the Synod.

G. LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

## CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.					
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
New York, ..... Franklin Street, ..... Broome Street, ..... Houston Street, ..... Greenwich, ..... Twenty-first Street, ..... Ger. Evan. Miss. Church, ..... German Ref. Ch., 17th St., ..... Mt. Pleasant, 50th Street, ..... Bloomington, ..... Harlem, ..... Fordham, ..... West Farms, ..... Yonkers, ..... Greenville, ..... Tarrytown, ..... Unionville, ..... Staten Island, .....	John Knox,.....	490	2700	1386	3625	41	11	1395	52	3	68	6	620	.....	.....	.....	{ 310 Fourth St., N. Y. 220 Ninth Street, " 7 Albion Place, " 322 Greenwich St., " 175 126 MacDougal St., " 120 "	
	T. E. Vermilye,.....	150	.....	312	517	28	1	5	300	14	50	.....	1	.....	.....	80	80	
	J. B. Hardenbergh,.....	160	.....	242	1218	7	5	260	10	1	125	10	1	.....	.....	175	175	
	G. H. Fisher,.....	80	350	198	1818	7	191	8	.....	80	1	.....	.....	120	.....	120	120	
	Vacant,.....	300	1500	540	621	15	12	539	20	169	24	1	408	235	46	Hammond Street, " 56 W. Twentieth St., " 122 Rivington Street, " 149 Fourth Avenue, " 69 Fifth st. n. 3d av., " 71st St., n Bloom. road, " 122d St., near 3d Av., " .....		
	N. J. Marselus, S. C.,.....	50	210	84	137	9	3	92	8	2	69	63	2	157	83	56	56	
	A. R. Van Nest,.....	.....	.....	315	1031	.....	10	346	88	60	.....	.....	.....	2	290	241	241	
	J. C. Guldin,.....	.....	.....	114	79	.....	130	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	163	149	149	149	
	J. S. Ebaugh,.....	.....	.....	45	63	2	52	11	2	41	.....	.....	1	125	90	69	69	
	Ph. M. Brett,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	E. Van Aken,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	J. S. Lord,.....	.....	50	300	58	1117	2	1	86	4	2	60	.....	1	80	60	71st St., n Bloom. road, " 122d St., near 3d Av., " .....	
	Vacant,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	J. Simonson,.....	.....	63	.....	73	33	.....	1	78	5	2	40	40	1	81	50	50	W. Farms, West. co., " Yonkers, West. co., " Tuckahoe, West. co., " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I., " .....
	L. S. Demund,.....	.....	80	.....	103	18	1	.....	111	3	130	75	1	150	130	130	130	Yonkers, West. co., " Tuckahoe, West. co., " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I., " .....
	A. T. Stewart,.....	.....	34	170	25	23	.....	1	29	1	20	.....	1	38	35	35	35	Tuckahoe, West. co., " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I., " .....
J. Wilson,.....	.....	100	500	216	363	.....	3	219	8	1	70	50	1	80	60	60	Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I., " .....	
Wm. S. Moore,.....	.....	58	280	85	12	.....	4	84	3	1	30	.....	1	40	100	100	Tarrytown, " Tarrytown, " Port Richmond, S. I., " .....	
J. Brownlee,.....	.....	184	900	213	735	.....	4	214	25	2	.....	.....	1	130	100	100	Port Richmond, S. I., " .....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Ph. Milledoler, D. D.; C. C. Vermeule, D. D.; F. I. Van Pelt, D. D.; J. Buckham; J. Mulligan; W. Boyse; A. N. Kittle; J. P. Knox, (St. Thomas); D. M. L. Quackenbush; E. H. May; W. C. Brownlee, D. D., (Emeritus.)

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sub. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.			Number of Scholars.
Tompkinsville, .....	Alexander R. Thompson, .....	30	400	142	20	10	7	2	8	157	27	2	98	40	1	164	120	Tompkinsville.
South Dutch, .....	John M. Macauley, .....	920	1300	437	15	11	25	..	4	434	18	4	300	30	1	400	340	New York City.
Market Street, .....	Isaac Ferris, .....	205	1000	268	17	32	17	..	7	933	24	6	300	30	1	300	230	New York City.
Washington Square, .....	Mancius S. Hutton, .....	85	..	132	5	6	8	..	4	181	14	3	100	75	3	290	170	New York City.
Manhattan, .....	F. F. Cornell, .....	76	365	163	5	2	1	..	1	173	24	..	25	20	1	95	80	Williamsburgh.
Bushwick, .....	S. H. Meeker, S. C., .....	62	138	..	68	..	1	..	1	204	36	..	23	40	1	104	..	Pecckskill.
Courtlandtown, .....	C. D. Westbrook, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New York City.
2d German Mission Ch., .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New York City.

*Ministers without Charge.*—The Rev. J. M. Matthews, D. D.; the Rev. Charles Knouse; the Rev. John Albutris; and the Rev. Frederick Steius, missionary to the Second German Evangelical church of New-York.

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## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.				Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd	Suspended.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	
First, New Brunswick,...	Samuel B. How,.....	235	1445	476	11	9	8	2	3	483	34	3	.....	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Second, New Brunswick,...	D. D. Demarest, S. C.,...	85	410	112	4	6	11	2	2	109	5	1	80	60	New Brunswick, "
Six Mile Run,.....	Jacob C. Sears,.....	170	975	231	6	3	3	1	2	234	17	3	230	6	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough,.....	J. L. Zabriskie,.....	179	941	284	4	10	5	2	2	291	30	115	105	5	Millstone, "
Middlebush,.....	John A. Van Doren,...	82	410	144	12	9	5	2	2	158	12	60	3	140	110 Middlebush, "
Raritan,.....	Abraham Messler,.....	170	935	414	11	13	10	7	4	421	30	3	950	225	Somerville, "
Second, Raritan,.....	Talbot W. Chambers,...	100	500	251	27	15	51*	5	2	237	11	3	170	150	Somerville, "
Third, Raritan,.....	Peter Stryker,.....	57	306	.....	19	47	.....	1	65	7	2	53	106	80	Somerville, "
Bedminster,.....	George Schenck,.....	190	900	342	6	6	46†	7	300	25	1	150	5	.....	Pluckemin, "
North Branch,.....	James K. Campbell,...	104	450	97	4	1	1	1	100	15	.....	20	1	86	70 North Branch, "
Rockaway,.....	Goyen Talmage,.....	110	500	107	4	3	1	1	112	13	30	15	4	160	125 Whitehouse, "
Lebanon,.....	John Steele,.....	185	982	.....	3	1	1	7	138	30	50	.....	.....	.....	Lebanon, "
Griggstown,.....	John A. Todd,.....	87	455	81	5	3	6	1	82	5	50	40	1	130	110 Griggstown, "
Spotswood,.....	John Henry Manning,...	50	250	.....	7	11	1	2	83	11	4	.....	.....	40	30 Spotswood, "
†First, Freehold,.....	A. A. Marcellus,.....	140	700	151	14	2	2	3	160	21	40	45	1	80	60 Marlboro, "
Second, Freehold,.....	Harvey D. Ganse,.....	56	230	49	7	4	.....	.....	60	5	30	.....	.....	.....	Freehold, "
Williamstown,.....	William Reiley,.....	116	530	.....	1	2	.....	115	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Holmdel, "
Middletown Village,...	A. C. Millspaugh,.....	68	350	76	2	2	2	1	77	1	45	25	2	70	Middletown, "
Boundbrook,.....	George J. Van Neste,...	65	330	46	9	14	4	.....	65	9	1	70	1	90	Boundbrook, "
Keyport,.....	N. F. Chapman, Mission'y	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Keyport, "
Pepack,.....	Vacant,.....	41	250	.....	2	40	.....	42	1	.....	.....	.....	1	60	50

Ministers without Charge.—J. S. Mabon, J. J. Schultz, J. V. Morris, J. Proudt, H. B. Stryker, W. J. Thompson, N. F. Chapman, N. Conklin, R. J. Blair, William H. Steele, missionary to Bot-neo. Candidates.—C. R. Von Romondt. \* Including those (32) dismissed to form 3d church of Raritan. † Including those dismissed to form R. D. of Repack. ‡ This Report includes the space of 2 years.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.					Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen, .....	Benjamin C. Taylor, .....	275	1400	275	13	13	2	2	6	291	24	1	50	20	1	132	78 Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
English Neighborhood, ..	James McFarlane, .....	43	250	63	5	1	2	..	..	67	3	2	10	22	1	64	40 English Neighborhood, "
Hackensack, .....	Alexander H. Warner, ..	130	750	126	6	6	3	..	3	132	2	..	60	40	1	95	30 Hackensack, Berg. co., "
Schraalenbergh, .....	Cornelius Blauvelt, .....	157	730	163	3	3	..	..	8	166	9	..	120	50	2	140	120 Hackensack, "
Belleville, .....	John Garretson, S. C., ..	140	650	..	6	6	5	..	2	..	9	25	154	100	3	242	190 Belleville, Essex co., "
Jersey City, .....	Vacant, .....	54	300	39	3	1	7	..	1	85	17	..	..	..	1	35	55 Jersey City, Hud. co., "
Bergen Neck, .....	James Romeyn, .....	106	..	104	1	9	2	..	3	109	15	1	..	..	2	..	104 Vesey st., New York.
1st Ch., Newark, .....	James Scott, .....	340	1500	423	16	13	29	..	4	424	35	3	300	90	1	360	275 Newark, Essex co., N. J.
Clintonville, .....	John L. Chapman, .....	50	250	57	3	..	5	..	..	55	1	1	50	25	2	90	65 Camptown, Ess. co., N. J.
New Durham, .....	W. V. V. Mahon, .....	90	300	62	8	4	..	..	1	74	11	2	..	50	1	100	.. New Durham, Hud. co., "
First church of Van Vorst, ..	William J. R. Taylor, .....	90	450	48	7	26	..	..	..	81	6	..	65	25	1	78	60 Jersey City, Hud. co., "
2d Ch., Newark, .....	George R. Williamson, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	1	1	60	..	1	200	160 Newark, N. J.
3d Ch., " .....	Francis M. Serenbetz, ..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	45	.. Newark, N. J.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Philip Duryea, D. D.; Rev. Matthias Lusk.

## CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	Recd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Pompton,	H. Doolittle,	161	300	157	1	1	2	2	2	154	13	1	25	35	1	1	130	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains,	Garrit C. Schanck,	163	370	149	5	3	6	3	3	148	10	1	25	35	4	130	130	Pompton, N. J.
Montville,	John L. Janeway,	145	725	121	3	2	1	2	2	120	12	1	15	15	1	70	40	Montville, Mor.co., N.J.
Fairfield,	Vacant,	64	330	35	1	2	1	1	1	37	4	1	25	30	1	50	50	Paterson, N. J.
Preakness,	John A. Staats, S. C.,	70	330	35	1	2	1	1	1	37	4	1	25	30	1	50	50	Pompton Iron Works.
Ponds,	Barnabas V. Collins,	132	650	76	11	4	3	4	5	58	13	1	80	40	4	120	100	Paterson, N. J.
Wyckoff,	Abraham G. Ryerson,	55	270	61	2	1	2	1	1	61	5	1	30	25	1	75	60	Paterson, N. J.
Little Falls,	Edwin Vedder,	37	37	37	1	1	1	1	4	37	7	1	30	25	1	75	60	Paterson, N. J.
Stone House Plains,	R. A. Quin,																	

Minister without Charge.—Z. H. Kuypers, (*Emeritus*.)

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Tappan,.....	I. D. Cole,.....	160	800	167	6	6	..	..	3	170	14	..	25	25	25	60	...	Piermont, N. Y.
Clarkstown,.....	P. J. Quick,.....	150	640	163	7	7	4	..	5	163	7	1	68	..	1	77	54	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Acquacknook,.....	W. R. Bogardus,.....	210	1150	232	8	8	..	..	6	231	15	1	100	..	1	..	..	Acquacknook, N. J.
First church of Totowa,.....	E. Wiggins,.....	167	710	123	4	4	..	..	5	170	44	..	..	25	1	150	125	Paterson, N. J.
Second church of Totowa,.....	J. H. Duryea, S. C.,.....	140	700	259	8	8	7	..	3	265	12	..	20	20	2	200	..	Paterson, "
Paramus,.....	W. Eltinge,.....	140	760	140	6	5	5	..	3	144	17	..	20	..	1	30	..	Acquacknook, N. J.
Pasack,.....	J. Manley,.....	100	530	114	..	..	..	..	1	113	8	1	25	..	..	75	..	Munsey, N. Y.
Saddle River,.....	.....	115	540	147	1	..	..	..	..	146	9	..	20	..	2	61	..	Munsey, "
Hempstead,.....	P. Allen,.....	65	297	87	2	2	..	..	..	81	1	..	6	..	2	..	..	Munsey, "
Ramapo,.....	.....	75	350	67	1	1	..	..	2	66	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	Warwick, N. Y.
Warwick,.....	F. H. Vandever,.....	73	.....	73	6	6	..	..	2	75	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nyack, N. Y.
Nyack,.....	C. S. Hageman,.....	80	325	97	8	1	1	..	2	103	7	2	40	20	1	60	..	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont,.....	Daniel Lord,.....	64	300	49	4	6	1	..	1	57	3	2	40	30	1	60	50	Piermont, N. Y.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.					Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Brooklyn,.....	M. W. Dwight,.....	160	800	....	3	14	5	1	240	7	45	1	120	100	1	120	100	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush,.....	Thomas M. Strong,....	90	500	123	1	1	10	4	111	9	25	2	96	80	2	96	80	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht,.....	R. Ormiston Currie, S. C.,	85	475	137	5	1	12	3	128	8	60	40	1	110	80	110	80	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend,.....	Abm. I. Labagh,.....	80	450	90	1	..	..	..	91	5	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	Gravesend, "
Flatlands,.....	J. A. Baldwin,.....	70	450	112	..	..	..	2	110	10	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	Flatlands, "
New Lots,.....	M. N. McLaren,.....	50	300	81	3	..	4	2	78	18	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	Flatlands, "
Central Brooklyn,.....	M. V. Schoonmaker,....	..	..	202	3	2	15	1	190	8	1	105	71	1	1	105	79	Brooklyn, "
East New York,.....	S. M. Woodbridge,....	60	300	75	3	1	..	1	75	7	45	25	1	30	70	30	70	East New York, L. I.
South Brooklyn,.....	P. D. Oakey,.....	76	..	88	..	3	1	..	90	6	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	Brooklyn, L. I.
Middle Brooklyn,.....	A. Elmendorf,.....	87	425	59	1	32	1	..	101	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	Brooklyn, "
Bedford, Brooklyn,.....	..	..	..	15	15	26	..	1	55	9	5	80	40	1	1	100	70	Brooklyn, "

Ministers without Charge.—Richard D. Van Kleeck and J. Brodhead, D. D.



## NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census			Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Cou- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Dismissed. On Certificate	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools			Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Jamaica,.....	{ J. Schoonmaker,..... G. J. Garretson, S. C.,.. N. E. Smith,..... R. L. Schoonmaker,.. Wm. H. Van Doren,.. Williamsburgh,..... Astoria,..... Flushing,..... Green Point,.....	240	1200	213	11	5	5	..	2	222	18	..	60	70	4	137	120	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,.....		103	515	136	1	2	6	1	6	130	12	..	50	40	90	100	90	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,.....		96	490	105	10	..	1	1	5	103	5	4	..	75	2	80	..	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,.....		80	400	60	2	..	..	..	2	60	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh,.....		100	500	135	2	3	..	..	3	149	6	1	80	25	1	115	70	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria,.....		65	..	50	2	4	1	..	..	55	3	..	..	..	1	75	50	Astoria, "
Flushing,.....		50	280	67	5	2	9	..	2	65	5	1	20	14	1	60	50	Flushing, "

Minister without Charge.—Peter S. Williamson, P. O., Jamaica.

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	Recd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.		Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.
Poughkeepsie,.....1st	A. M. Mann, S. C.,.....	.....	.....	492	6	3	11	.....	9	481	8	1	20	70	1	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
".....2nd	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fishkill,.....	Francis M. Kip,.....	.....	.....	156	4	2	3	.....	5	154	5	2	.....	.....	1	.....	Fishkill Village, "
New Hackensack,.....	C. Van Cleef,.....	120	650	215	2	.....	.....	.....	2	215	1	1	.....	40	1	30	New Hackensack, N. Y.
Hopewell,.....	A. Polhemus,.....	100	600	230	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	32	100	.....	Fishkill Village, "
Rhinebeck,.....	B. Hoff,.....	109	700	245	4	1	1	1	1	246	6	.....	.....	.....	1	100	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill Landing,.....	W. S. Heyer,.....	.....	200	150	2	1	5	.....	1	148	1	1	30	.....	2	100	Fishkill Landing, "
Greenbush,.....	H. Vedder,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Taghkanick,.....	B. F. Murden,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Hyde Park,.....	Wm. H. Teneyck,.....	95	500	132	4	2	3	.....	.....	132	9	1	25	20	1	50	Hyde Park, "
Glenham,.....	W. A. Miller,.....	45	.....	77	.....	6	13*	.....	3	.....	4	.....	.....	25	1	80	Glenham, "

Minister without Charge.—S. Van Vechten.

\* All dismissed to form a Presbyterian church in Frankindale.

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.			
Hartigen, .....	J. Gardner, .....	150	750	310	12	6	7	..	5	316	7	3	80	150	5	300	250	Hartigen, N. J.
Readington, .....	J. Van Liew, .....	200	1000	283	5	5	6	..	6	281	27	1	80	..	5	280	..	Readington " "
New Shannock, .....	G. Ludlow, S. C., .....	200	1000	305	7	2	4	1	3	306	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	Flagtown, .....
First church Philadelphia, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Second " .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Third " .....	G. W. Bethune, .....	165	300	244	11	8	7	..	..	256	9	4	..	..	3	258	193	Philadelphia, Pa.
North & South Hampton, .....	A. O. Halsey, .....	..	..	..	3	1	5	2	7	..	17	2	20	..	9	360	..	Richtboro', Bucks co.
Blawenburgh, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mount Pleasant, .....	J. R. Van Arsdale, .....	80	450	151	2	..	1	1	1	150	11	..	32	..	2	90	30	Williamsburgh, N. J.
Manayunk, .....	E. G. Little, .....	70	200	..	10	6	..	..	..	76	4	4	..	40	1	200	175	Manayunk.
Roxboro', .....	S. A. Bumstead, .....	40	200	60	1	..	..	..	..	61	..	1	20	..	1	50	..	Leverington.

*Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. P. Labagh, D. D.; Rev. J. Ludlow, D. D.; Provost of the University of Pennsylvania; Rev. C. C. Van Arsdale, D. D.; Rev. S. A. Bumstead; J. R. Talmage; Rev. Thos. A. Amerman.

## CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.				Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C.				Sub-Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Biblic- al Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
First church Claverack,...	Ira C. Boice, S. C.,.....	200	1000	309	7	7	6	6	9	301	3	3	.....	.....	5	175	....	Claverack, Col. co., N. Y.
Second church Claverack,	J. S. Himrod,.....	130	600	209	3	3	3	3	3	208	2	2	.....	40	3	100	70	Mellenville, "
German town,.....	J. Boyd,.....	90	562	209	3	4	.....	.....	.....	215	74	.....	40	32	1	45	30	Tivoli, "
Upper Red Hook,.....	J. G. Johnson,.....	60	200	69	1	2	1	1	1	70	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Linlithgow,.....	C. E. Crispell,.....	160	928	181	1	1	6	1	1	177	11	1	70	.....	7	190	142	Livingston, Col. co., N. Y.
Greenport,.....	Polhemus Van Wyck,...	85	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	Hudson, N. Y.
Hillsdale,.....	Vacant,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson,.....	John Gosman,.....	96	.....	126	6	14	3	1	4	138	9	1	.....	.....	1	120	90	Hudson, N. Y.

## CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Cou- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schol- ars.	
Fairview,	A. D. Wilson,	60	350	43	8	8	..	..	..	51	8	30	..	90	..	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Brunswick,	G. G. Sill, S. C.,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Brunswick, Peo. Co., Ill.
Vanderveer,	Vacant,	10	61	11	9	9	..	..	2	11	1	6	..	25	15	Pleasant Plains, Ill.
Pekin,	S. V. E. Westfall,	62	..	32	6	6	..	..	..	38	4	..	..	130	110	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Washington,	J. N. Shultz,	30	150	20	6	7	..	..	1	32	5	..	34	42	30	Washington, Ill.

## CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.										Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Recd.	Suspended.	Dead.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.					
Church of Albany.....	D. Kennedy.....	260	1200	444	510	4	4	7	443	12	2	2	93	35	1	162	130	Albany.				
Second " ".....	L. N. Wyckoff, S. C.,.....	289	1462	539	532	17	1	16	544	24	..	..	93	35	1	154	115	"				
Third " ".....	Vacant.....	110	450	216	3	5	2	1	4	217	11	..	75	..	1	102	75	"				
Bethlehem.....	R. Willis.....	140	700	..	4	..	6	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cedar Hill.				
Second do.,.....	J. A. Lausing.....	84	490	87	15	10	2	..	1	109	15	2	80	20	1	100	70	Bethlehem.				
Coeymans.....	Philip Peltz.....	70	400	53	2	2	..	..	1	56	1	..	30	..	1	94	70	Coeymans.				
New Baltimore.....	..	67	365	63	..	..	2	..	1	60	3	..	30	..	1	80	60	Coeymans.				
Union.....	D. A. Jones.....	41	200	96	3	4	17	..	4	82	2	..	15	30	1	20	20	Bethlehem.				
Oniskethaw.....	..	63	452	98	..	..	1	..	1	96	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	Bethlehem.				
Jerusalem.....	S. Van Santvoord.....	80	430	..	16	2	6	..	1	88	9	1	..	..	1	..	..	New Baltimore.				
Westerlo.....	Vacant.....	100	500	7	..	1	..	2	..	150	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	Westerlo.				
Salem.....	do.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..				
Second church Berne.....	do.....	76	338	..	30	1	..	..	..	128	7	..	7	11	1	25	25	East Berne.				
Knox.....	do.....	20	100	20	12	..	..	..	..	132	..	4	20	15	1	30	25	Knox.				

Ministers without charge.—Wm. H. Campbell, D. D., J. P. P. Pepper, J. Middlemas, R. Porter.

## CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.				
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Schenectady, .....	Vacant,.....	420	1260	399	1	6	8	7	391	11	1	1	1	1	1	225	Schenectady.
Amity, .....	W. W. Holloway,.....	106	500	114	15	2	1	6	124	8	1	1	1	1	1	50	Visser's Ferry.
Niskayuna, .....	H. A. Raymond,.....	130	780	268	4	3	3	6	266	11	1	1	25	50	4	125	Watervliet Centre.
First church Rotterdam, .....	C. S. Mead,.....	120	600	40	3	3	3	60	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	90	Hoffman's Ferry.
Second church Rotterdam, .....	John Nott,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Schenectady.
Helderbergh, .....	W. P. Davis,.....	150	500	240	6	2	1	3	244	3	3	3	4	4	4	100	Guilderland Centre.
Day, .....	J. N. Voorhies, S. S.,.....	35	.....	36	2	1	1	37	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	140	West Day.
First church Glenville, .....	W. Ingalls,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Glenville.
Second church Glenville, .....	Vacant,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Schenectady.
Princetown, .....	Rosecrants, S. S.,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dunnsville.

*Ministers without charge.*—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, J. C. Vandervolgen, J. Van Vechten, D. D., J. B. Steele, Abraham I. Swits, Stated Clerk.

## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Certificate	On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibli- cal Instruction.	Number of Schools		Number of Schol- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Bloominggrove,.....	Wm. A. Cornell,.....	55	275	61	..	..	..	..	2	2	59	1	..	..	1	..	Defreestville.	
Chatham,.....	E. S. Porter,.....	90	450	63	8	2	..	..	..	..	71	4	4	25	1	..	Chatham Four Corners.	
First church Ghent,.....	John Gray,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ghent.	
Second ".....	J. C. Vandervoort,.....	100	510	124	7	6	5	..	..	..	130	15	1	50	1	76	Stockport.	
Greenbush,.....	E. P. Stimson,.....	250	1300	360	2	1	..	3	5	354	10	..	..	15	5	200	East Greenbush.	
Kinderhook,.....	B. Van Zandt,.....	200	1000	296	4	7	13	1	4	289	19	..	..	..	4	150	Kinderhook.	
Nassau,.....	Edwin Holmes,.....	160	800	281	10	5	4	2	5	285	6	3	..	..	2	..	Nassau.	
Schodack,.....	Wm. Bailey,.....	250	1250	318	15	2	2	..	..	7	325	13	9	125	50	4	125	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,.....	Elbert Nevius, S. C.,.....	90	450	99	1	2	5	..	..	1	96	6	..	..	20	1	45	Stuyvesant.



## CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.					Communicants.					Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of School- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Schoharie,.....	R. Wells,.....	96	680	117	3	3	6	1	4	109	5	..	40	...	1	...	Schoharie C. H.
Middleburgh,.....	Jacob West, S. C.,.....	90	500	...	1	2	2	1	2	113	3	..	...	25	1	50	Middleburgh.
First church Berne,...	Wm. Demarest,.....	43	...	...	7	1	1	1	1	66	4	1	...	80	3	120	Berneville.
Beaverdam,.....	...	52	107	...	1	4	1	1	1	109	5	..	...	55	3	60	...
Gilboa,.....	L. H. Van Dyck,.....	110	550	104	4	2	2	2	2	104	4	..	...	...	1	150	Gilboa.
New Rhinebeck,.....	C. Spaulding,.....	75	275	100	1	1	1	1	1	101	13	..	...	25	1	30	Lawyerville.
Cobleskill,.....	E. S. Hammond,.....	30	100	32	1	1	1	1	1	33	1	..	...	...	8	100	Gallupville.
Gallupville,.....	J. West,.....	49	350	63	4	...	...	...	1	66	6	..	25	50	...	...	Breakabin.
Breakabin,.....	N. Bogardus,.....	100	480	120	2	...	3	1	6	120	23	..	...	...	...	...	Gardinersville.
Sharon,.....	Vacant,.....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Conesville.
Conesville,.....	...	40	300	...	2	2	...	...	...	24	8	..	...	...	...	...	East Cobleskill.
Schoharie Mountain,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...

*Ministers without charge.*—Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, Paul Weidman, John M. Scribner, N. Bogardus, Alanson B. Chittenden, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Number in Bibl- ical Instruction.	Number of School- ars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Northumberland, . . . . .	H. Slawson, . . . . .	75	270	112	..	6	..	2	104	1	..	50	..	1	60	45	Northumberland.
Saratoga, . . . . .	C. H. Chester, . . . . .	71	270	102	..	10	..	1	109	3	..	40	..	1	40	30	Schuylerville.
Gansevoort, . . . . .	John Dubois, . . . . .	30	200	50	..	..	3	..	47	2	..	40	..	2	70	50	Gansevoort.
Union Village, . . . . .	Uriah Marvin, Jr., . . . . .	92	300	160	16	5	4	1	172	5	3	30	5	1	60	40	Greenwich.
Easton, . . . . .	Vacant, . . . . .	33	100	59	..	..	..	1	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	North Easton.
Tiostock, . . . . .	Samuel S. Searle, . . . . .	54	216	81	1	6	..	4	84	1	..	..	..	1	40	20	Buskirk's Bridge.
Jackson, . . . . .	J. H. Pitcher, S. C., . . . . .	45	220	..	2	4	2	1	81	..	..	25	..	1	40	..	Battenville.
Schlaghicoke, . . . . .	J. D. Fonda, . . . . .	40	200	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Stillwater.
Fort Miller, . . . . .	Vacant, . . . . .	60	200	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Fort Miller.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. Bakby, J. Parry, Henry Morris.

## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Communicants.										Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
Auriclesville,.....	Garret L. Roof,.....	39	445	40	1	1	4	1	37	3	3	1	15	2	45	.....	Glen.
Caughnawaga,.....	D. Van Olinda, S. C.,.....	175	850	136	1	1	1	1	135	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	150	Fonda.
Canajoharie,.....	John De Witt,.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Canajoharie.
Columbia,.....	Vacant,.....	70	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	Columbia.
Ephrata,.....	Charles Jukes,.....	70	350	76	2	.....	.....	.....	1	77	3	.....	.....	40	2	60	Stone Arabia.
Fultonville,.....	J. M. Van Buren,.....	120	600	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fultonville.
Frankfort,.....	Vacant,.....	105	500	133	2	2	3	.....	139	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	Frankfort.
Fort Plain,.....	C. G. McLean,.....	70	350	55	2	.....	.....	.....	1	56	1	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	Fort Plain.
Glen,.....	G. L. Roof,.....	200	1000	380	1	.....	.....	.....	2	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Glen.
Herkimer,.....	James Murphy,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Herkimer.
German Flats,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mapletown,.....	John H. Carle,.....	72	360	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Canajoharie.
Currytown,.....	.....	44	220	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mariaville.
Mariaville,.....	James Donald,.....	50	200	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Minaville.
Minaville,.....	James Stevenson,.....	100	450	96	.....	.....	2	.....	92	7	.....	.....	.....	50	1	.....	Mohawk.
Mohawk,.....	J. L. Starks,.....	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Manheim.
Manheim,.....	A. H. Myers,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Manheim.
Stone Arabia,.....	Charles Jukes,.....	145	700	241	8	3	12	16	224	56	.....	.....	.....	8	1	30	Stone Arabia.
St. Johnsville,.....	J. Knieskern,.....	176	.....	176	1	.....	2	1	174	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stone Arabia.
Warren,.....	Vacant,.....	31	200	56	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	8	.....	20	1	40	Jordansville.

Minister without charge.—E. O. Dunning.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Communicants.										Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bloomingdale,.....	Thos. C. Strong,.....	90	480	93	8	3	..	12	102	8	..	50	17	1	50	Rosendale.
Caatsban,.....	H. Ostrander, .....	100	..	103	1	1	..	3	102	11	..	..	..	..	..	Saugerties.
Clove,.....	Ephraim Depuy,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,.....	Abraham Fort,.....	118	600	287	3	..	5	1	2	282	1	..	..	..	..	Amesville.
Flatbush,.....	Victor M. Hulburt,.....	140	700	180	13	1	6	..	2	186	9	23	..	4	..	Saugerties.
Guilford,.....	Wm. Brush,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tuthill Town.
Hurley,.....	J. C. Cruickshank,.....	100	500	108	3	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	1	70	Hurley.
Kingston,.....	J. C. F. Hoes,.....	250	1150	537	5	14	40	10	492	17	..	75	50	3	210	Kingston.
Second church do.,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	do.
Marletown,.....	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C., ..	200	1200	138	4	3	..	6	139	7	1	50	25	4	..	Marletown.
New Paltz,.....	Chas. H. Sitt,.....	237	1265	231	3	2	1	7	227	5	..	110	60	6	300	New Paltz.
Plattekill,.....	M. L. Schenck,.....	15	129	143	5	6	..	4	85	15	..	30	..	1	..	Saugerties.
Rochester,.....	C. Wyckoff,.....	300	1500	195	4	5	..	1	193	27	1	50	..	7	..	Accord.
Rosendale,.....	T. C. Strong,.....	61	350	49	1	1	..	1	49	5	..	..	..	..	..	Rosendale.
Saugerties,.....	C. Van Santvoord,.....	130	750	193	3	9	2	2	200	18	..	..	..	2	130	Saugerties.
Shokan,.....	John S. Hammond,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Shokan.
Woodstock,.....	A. Gulick,.....	112	680	184	..	1	27	..	157	17	1	17	..	1	45	Woodstock.
West Hurley,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Minister without charge.—Samuel Harlow, Kingston.

## CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C. (Sub-Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Average Number of Scholars.
Arcadia,.....	Vacant,.....	50	200	74	1	3	..	..	72	5	1	12	14	1	..	Newark.
Caroline,.....	Cornelius Yates,.....	45	225	53	1	3	..	..	51	5	..	20	..	1	..	55 Slaterville.
Cato,.....	R. W. Knight,.....	112	600	142	1	..	..	..	143	4	..	..	50	..	..	21 Cato.
Chittenango,.....	James Abell,.....	50	200	..	..	3	2	..	32	2	..	..	..	1	..	50 Chittenango.
Canastota,.....	F. T. Drake,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 Canastota.
Cicero,.....	J. A. Liddell, S. S.,.....	100	500	32	8	7	2	..	45	2	2	..	..	..	..	Cicero.
Farmersville,.....	B. Bassler,.....	100	500	107	1	..	3	105	7	1	..	..	22	1	..	100 Farmersville, Sen. co.
Geneva,.....	G. Abeel,.....	95	500	160	3	2	2	..	163	24	1	50	100	2	..	100 Geneva.
Gorham,.....	J. Hammond,.....	40	150	53	1	1	3	50	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	43 Reed's Corners.
Ithaca,.....	J. V. Henry,.....	100	350	180	3	11	1	3	168	4	..	..	..	1	..	50 Ithaca.
Lodi,.....	Vacant,.....	230	..	..	4	3	3	..	..	10	1	..	..	5	..	Lodi, Sen. co.
Lysander,.....	do,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Owasco,.....	J. C. Dutcher, S. C.,.....	102	460	100	2	5	4	100	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	70 Owasco.
Pittardiana,.....	Vacant,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Spotswood, Liv. co.
Sandbeach,.....	A. B. Winfield,.....	52	279	68	2	2	3	1	68	2	..	55	90	4	..	100 Auburn.
Syracuse,.....	J. A. H. Cornell,.....	50	200	..	7	29	..	1	35	12	..	..	5	1	..	35 Syracuse.
Tyre,.....	J. M. Compton,.....	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	50	6	..	..	..	1	..	Waterloo.
Utica,.....	C. Wiley,.....	140	680	224	2	2	2	..	226	..	..	..	30	1	..	100 Utica.
Wolfcott,.....	R. W. Knight,.....	32	161	28	1	2	..	..	31	11	..	40	..	1	..	25 Reed Creek.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. H. Maudeville, D. D., J. Beattie, G. Mandeville, A. Hoffman, Wm. E. Turner.

## CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.		Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.
Berea, .....	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C., .....	86	450	119	4	6	..	3	118	7	..	..	..	1	30	20	St. Andrews.
Montgomery, .....	R. P. Lee, .....	230	..	408	12	..	27	10	333	23	..	145	120	2	..	..	Montgomery.
Shawangunk, .....	J. B. Alliger, .....	220	..	203	4	..	..	1	206	5	1	..	..	4	..	..	Bruynswick.
New Prospect, .....	J. T. Demarest, .....	100	..	..	2	..	4	1	110	..	1	40	20	..	..	..	Ulsterville.
Deer Park, .....	G. P. Van Wyck, .....	..	..	..	1	4	1	5	..	4	..	..	30	4	200	140	Port Jarvis.
Newburgh, .....	A. B. Van Zandt, .....	87	..	125	3	10	2	1	135	7	..	..	..	1	50	..	Newburgh.
Minisink, .....	Vacant, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Montague.
New Hurley, .....	E. Slingerland, .....	130	1030	95	5	4	1	1	102	14	..	..	50	4	130	..	Modina.
Walden, .....	Vacant, .....	85	425	132	7	7	4	..	142	20	3	..	..	2	70	60	Walden.
Walpack, .....	R. Pitts, S. S., .....	122	..	123	8	8	1	4	134	32	1	..	32	..	75	..	Hornbeck.
Bloomington, .....	S. W. Mills, .....	100	..	100	6	7	5	1	106	4	2	..	35	..	225	150	Bloomingtonburgh.
Ellenville, .....	S. B. Ayres, .....	110	500	152	4	..	3	..	153	3	2	..	..	..	100	75	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh, .....	J. G. Duryee, .....	210	1000	154	5	14	..	3	166	6	1	54	80	5	239	154	Woodbourne.
Wawarsing, .....	Vacant, .....	43	215	96	..	..	..	..	4	92	3	10	..	1	..	25	Napanoch.
Grahamville, .....	do, .....	40	150	24	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	8	..	1	50	40	Grahamville.
Wurtsborough, .....	A. C. Hillman, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wurtsborough.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. W. Ward, J. H. Bevier, Wm. Cruickshank, B. R. Hall, James Demarest, Thomas B. Gregory, Wm. Youngblood, Foreign Missionary.



## CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.			Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.		Number of Scholars.
West Troy,.....	O. H. Gregory,.....	115	550	324	2	10	14	1	321	6	9	25	1	160	120	West Troy.
South Ch., West Troy,...	T. F. Wyckoff,.....	75	300	74	7	5	4	2	80	9	1	136	1	136	70	do.
Wynantskill,.....	J. I. Quick,.....	80	333	69	2	1	1	2	68	4	1	60	1	60	50	Wynantskill.
Boght,.....	Wm. Pitcher,.....	54	270	77	2	1	1	3	76	31	1	20	1	60	50	Cohoes.
Waterford,.....	Alex. Dickson,.....															Waterford.
Cohoes,.....	Vacant,.....															Cohoes.
Rensselaer,.....	do. ....															West Troy.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, John Smith, Jacobus Lausing.

## CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

No Report.



## Summary View of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for the Year 1849.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	Received.		Total of Communicants.	Baptized.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath School.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.	
							On Confession.	On Communion.		Infants.	Adults.					
New York,.....	20	28	..	..	1719	6910	123	191	4186	272	16	864	470	2362	Rev. N. J. Marsels.	
South Classis of New York,.....	8	11	..	..	728	3203	130	61	1432	143	15	851	235	1353	" S. H. Mecker.	
New Brunswick,.....	21	30	1	..	2240	11949	153	197	3332	285	25	950	362	2028	" D. D. Demarest.	
Bergen,.....	13	14	..	..	1521	6580	76	87	1524	138	13	869	422	1631	" John Garretson.	
Passaic,.....	9	9	..	..	790	3645	27	11	664	76	1	175	130	445	" John A. Staats.	
Paramus,.....	13	11	..	..	1539	6902	69	28	1734	154	7	344	120	773	" John H. Duryea.	
South Classis of Long Island,.....	11	12	..	..	758	3700	45	80	1269	103	8	470	222	15	761	" R. O. Currie.
North Classis of Long Island,.....	8	8	..	..	634	2885	31	13	640	49	7	130	209	10	452	" G. J. Garretson.
Philadelphia,.....	11	14	..	..	905	4400	51	28	1446	100	15	232	190	26	1538	" G. Ludlow.
Poughkeepsie,.....	11	11	..	..	469	2650	26	15	1376	38	8	115	187	8	460	" A. M. Mann.
Hudson,.....	8	7	..	..	821	3790	23	23	1202	101	3	110	72	19	630	" Ira C. Boice.
Illinois,.....	5	4	..	..	162	561	6	23	132	18	....	36	34	....	287	" G. G. Sill.
Albany,.....	14	11	..	..	1400	7187	95	67	2110	121	12	350	111	12	767	" I. N. Wyckoff.
Uster,.....	19	16	..	..	1753	9304	53	46	2885	158	6	403	152	32	830	" C. L. Van Dyck.
Rensselaer,.....	9	9	..	..	1195	6035	47	25	1409	74	10	125	160	19	696	" E. Nevins.
Washington,.....	9	10	..	..	501	1976	19	25	655	12	3	185	5	7	310	" J. H. Pitcher.
Montgomery,.....	20	15	..	..	1762	6525	18	7	1466	95	11	167	....	12	585	" D. Van Olinda.
Scholharie,.....	12	12	..	..	685	3442	20	14	845	72	1	65	235	18	350	" Jacob West.
Schenectady,.....	10	13	..	..	961	3640	31	13	1122	37	6	25	50	15	730	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga,.....	19	20	..	..	1198	4705	37	49	1339	98	6	177	323	23	779	" J. C. Dutcher.
Orange,.....	16	19	..	..	1613	3820	61	60	1847	135	11	257	367	25	1219	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
Greene,.....	9	7	..	..	715	3225	79	6	780	64	27	15	33	9	415	" J. L. See.
Watervliet,.....	7	8	..	..	324	1458	13	16	545	50	....	....	45	3	356	" T. F. Wyckoff.
Michigan,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total,.....	282	299	135	24393	108492	12338	1085	33980	2393	211	6915	4134	369	19247	....	....

## ARTICLE VII.

## SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report, that having examined the Minutes of the last General Synod, they find several items of unfinished business, claiming the attention of this body:—

1. On p. 217, they find two resolutions, in virtue of which a Committee was appointed to report on the subjects of church music and the Liturgy.

2. On p. 217, is found a resolution to refer the residue of the Report on the State of the Church to the present session of General Synod.

3. On pp. 269, 417, and 418, they learn that so much of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to the Beneficiary System and the Sabbath-school Union, has been referred to this meeting of Synod.

4. From p. 412 it appears, that a communication was received from the Classis of Montgomery, which was referred to this body. Two subjects are embraced in this communication:—

1st. The proposed change in the Board of Superintendents.

2d. An expression of opinion in relation to Art. I., chap. 2, sec. 11 and 12 of the Constitution.

From an examination of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany and New-York, we do not find a single case of appeal or complaint to be traversed before this court. This we feel to be a peculiar cause of gratitude to the Great Head of Zion, inasmuch as it may safely be regarded as an indication of the spirit of peace which pervades the bosom of our local churches. Other subjects, however, claim the attention of Synod.

1. On p. 6 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, is found a list of nominations to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, from that body.

2. On pp. 6 and 7, of the same Minutes, is recorded an expression of the opinion of several Classes, with regard to the proposed change in the organization of the Particular Synods.

3. In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, p. 22, we find "that the Rev. Robert Kirkwood was received by the South Classis of New-York from the Presbytery of Alton, Illinois, without an examination in the presence of a Deputatus, as required by the rule of General Synod." Inasmuch as an important question of ecclesiastical law and order is involved in this proceeding, your Committee deem it proper to present it for the consideration of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. F. HOES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That so much of the above Report as relates to the residue of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church be laid on the table.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above Report as relates to the communication from the Classis of Montgomery be laid on the table.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above Report as relates to the Report of the Committee on Education, of the last Synod, on the Beneficiary System and the Sabbath-school Union, be referred to the Committee on Education.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above Report as relates to the reports of the Classes in reference to the proposed new organization of the Particular Synods be referred to the Committee appointed on the reports of the Classes on that subject, submitted through their Stated Clerks.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above Report as relates to nominations for members of the Board of Superintendents be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

*Resolved*, That the South Classis of New-York be directed to review their proceedings in the case of the admission of Rev. Mr. Kirkwood, and conform their action to the rule of General Synod in respect to the reception of ministers from other denominations. And that the attention of all the Classes be directed to the strict observance of the prescribed rule respecting examinations.

A division of the question upon the above resolution being called, the vote was taken on the two parts of the resolution, which were separately adopted. The ayes and nays on the adoption of the *first* part of the resolution being called for, were taken and are as follows:—

*Ayes*.—A. T. Stewart, A. Van Nest, J. Delamater, A. A. Marcellus, G. J. Van Neste, J. J. Deforest, B. C. Taylor, C. Blauvelt, H. Van Wagenen, J. Fowler, G. Ludlow, R. Roland, A. Polhemus, B. V. Collins, N. D. Williamson, J. G. Johnson, I. C. Boice, F. F. Ham, J. A. Lansing, P. Pelts, J. C. F. Hoes, J. Burhans, E. Alliger, J. Auchmoody, W. Bailey, J. A. Whitbeck, J. Parry, J. H. Pitcher, E. S. Hammond, A. B. Chittenden, J. West, R. Manning, C. S. Mead, J. V. Henry, J. A. H. Cornell, V. Conrad, J. B. Burnet, J. W. Ward, S. W. Mills, E. Blackmar, J. F. Schermerhorn.—41.

*Nays*.—I. S. Demund, A. R. Thompson, J. M. Matthews, H. P. Allen, D. R. Hitchcock, S. Garretson, P. Allen, W. Eltinge, D. Lord, A. D. Vervalen, R. O. Currie, C. Lott, G. J. Garretson, J. R. Van Arsdale, J. Van Liew, J. Kline, C. C. Van Cleef, H. Doolittle, A. G. Ryerson, D. A. Jones, T. C. Strong, E. Nevius, H. Morris, C. G. McLean, J. Murphy, C. F. Crosby.—26.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their Report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business report, that no matters have been referred to them.

R. ORMISTON CURRIE, *Chairman*.

It was resolved, that the case of the reception of the Rev. A. R. Van Nest by the Classis of New-York, from the Associate Reformed Church, as stated on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, be referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, to whom was referred the reception of the Rev. A. R. Van Nest by the Classis of New-York, from the Associate Presbyterian Church, would report, that from an examination of the Minutes we have not been able to discover that there was any irregularity in the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. F. HOES, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the several Classes in relation to their action on the proposed new organization of the Particular Synods reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Reports of the Classes, in reference to the change of Particular Synods, beg leave to state, that there have been placed in their hands the reports of only twelve of the Classes, six of which are in favor of, and six of which are opposed to any change. Of the six recommending the change, five are in favor of their constitution by convention, and one by delegation. They differ also in regard to their views of the time of holding their meetings, some preferring the fall, others making no expression of their wish in this respect. If the reports presented are a fair expression of the views of the Classes, your Committee believe that General Synod would not be justifiable in making any alteration of the present system, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That any change as to the number or manner of constituting the Particular Synods would be inexpedient for the present, or without farther reference to the several Classes.

A. POLHEMUS, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE X.

### DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The following communication was received from the Chairman of the Committee appointed on the subjects of the Liturgy and Church Music (p. 217):—

The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee to whom were referred so much of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church as relates to the subjects of the Liturgy and Church Music, begs leave to state, that he has made several attempts to convene the Committee, and has failed in every instance to secure the attendance of the members. Two of them stated, soon after their appointment, that it would be impossible for them to attend any of the meetings. The other two had no doubt the very best reasons for not attending.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARRETSON, *Chairman*.

Whereupon, it was resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subjects referred to them.

## ARTICLE XII.

### SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Board of the Sabbath-school Union of the General Synod, inviting the Synod to attend their anniversary, to be held on the afternoon of the second day of the session, and also their annual meeting on the evening of the same day; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the above invitation be accepted.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Tenth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

*The Committee on Education to General Synod :*

Having examined the papers and references for your consideration, we have endeavored to dispose of the extensive and complicated subjects they involve, in results at once lucid and succinct.

What relates to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, the scholarships, the receipts and disbursements, inform you that the means afforded are appropriated as directed, and that, as heretofore, the beneficiaries are assisted and sustained in the prosecution of their literary and theological course.

The investment of the funds has been submitted, and although in a few instances the interest has not been promptly paid, arising from circumstances with which we are not acquainted, the deficiency will doubtless be duly guarded and remedied in the prudent management of the Board of Trustees.

The scholarships and funds and collections afford large means, for which it becomes us to be grateful, as they have contributed in no ordinary degree to promote the prosperity both of the College and Seminary.

At present, General Synod has seventeen beneficiaries in the Seminary, a number not as great as some few years since, yet the retrospect of what has been accomplished conclusively demonstrates that we have already reaped immense benefits. Many of us can remember when, for the want of a sufficient number of candidates, we were unable to supply our vacancies, much less to engage in missionary effort, either at home or abroad. Now, through the grace of the Lord vouchsafed to our College and Seminary, we have grown in this respect to be a great people. The place we occupy in the field of the world is too strait for us ; and the voice of Providence bids us thresh the mountains, that they may become verdant and fruitful plains. Our cords, as a denomination, have been lengthened, and our stakes strengthened, not only in our immediate vicinity, but at the distant West, as appears from our missionary reports ; from which we also learn how eminently distinguished some of our brethren have been in heathen lands, such as the departed and lamented Abeel, Pohlman, and Thomson.

That we have not done all which might have been done ; that there have been sore disasters ; that much and deplorable evil has been mingled with abounding good, is not to be denied : yet the correctives we know to be necessary can be readily applied.

What would seem to be demanded from the Board of Education—the Report of the Committee on Education to the last General Synod at Kingston, and the Committee on the State of the Church, we would proceed to state.

From past experience we are warranted to adduce the ensuing resolution from the Committee on the State of the Church:—

*Resolved*, That hereafter no one be eligible as a subject of recommendation for aid, who shall not have been a member of the Church at least one year previous thereto, and who shall not during that time have given satisfactory evidence of consistent and growing piety; and that in the selection of beneficiaries, the resolutions of 1846 (p. 72) be rigidly observed.

Both the Committee on the State of the Church and the Board of Education, per report, insist that a careful supervision be exercised over young men, both in the College and Seminary. Without questioning the expediency of the measures devised, such as having a suitable boarding-house for our beneficiaries at New-Brunswick, or calling upon the Faculties of the College and Seminary to exercise discipline which, by the laws of those institutions, they are bound to do—

*Resolved*, That upon the misdemeanor of any beneficiaries in study, expense, conduct, or any other impropriety, the Faculty to which he is amenable report their action in the case, whether of reproof, suspension, or dismission, to the Board of Education, without delay.

We cannot forego the opportunity of expressing our high estimation of the thorough and able Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, and special indebtedness to the Chairman, who spared no pains to lay before us the entire ground that was to be investigated, desiring nothing to be selected except that which might promote the welfare of our beloved Zion.

In accordance with what is desired by the Board of Education—

*Resolved*, That a specific time be appointed for the reception of candidates, and that all the young men recommended by the different Classes then present themselves for examination by the Board, who shall designate that time.

A different assignment of the money in hand by the three Treasurers, or a statement of the candidates aided by the educational funds, through the Board of Trustees, that the Board of Education may have the selection of said candidates, cannot well be made with existing grant or right; owing to which difficulties it is suggested, that they be left until some future favorable occurrence may render the desired adjustment more practicable than at present.

As to the service of a beneficiary in the missionary work at least two years upon entering the ministry, circumstances would certainly regulate that matter to greater advantage than Synodical law, since some would resort to this arduous enterprise from choice, and others be almost imperatively compelled to settle at once in established and self-sustained churches.

From your Sunday-school Board, this Synod have been favored with full and deeply interesting information: a brief history of the institu-

tion, its laws, its means, its growth and prosperity, and pleasing extracts from several annual reports,—all evincing that this department is unusually flourishing, and promises more than ever to continue a thrifty, luxuriant, fruitful nursery to our Church. The Depository is amply supplied with choice and suitable books. Through the energetic Treasurer of the Board, their debt has been overflowingly liquidated, leaving a surplus in their favor of the handsome amount of six hundred dollars. A superb and valuable stereotype plate for certificates of honorary membership, is acknowledged as having been presented through the Christian liberality of Dr. James Anderson, who, as in many other instances, has thereby proved himself one of the most efficient and self denying friends of the cause.

The Board of Education and the Committee on the State of the Church warmly advocate the principles and designs of this institution, entreating all the churches to observe the same uniform excellent system, and not fail to introduce speedily Sunday-schools, not yet attached to it, into your well-devised and happy Union. Several schools have become thus related the past year, the whole number now amounting to one hundred and twenty-four.

To meet, moreover, the reasonable, urgent, prayerful request of the Board of Sunday-schools and the Committee on the State of the Church—

*Resolved*, That the churches are requested unanimously and promptly to give in their adhesion to the Synod's Board.

On the whole, with all the vicissitudes and trials which have attended our Education cause, we cannot hesitate warmly to congratulate the Synod as having abundant reason to magnify the great Head of our Church for the measure of success which, in the riches of his grace, he has been pleased to bestow upon us, through our system of Christian education.

Christian education, from the infant first taught to lisp the sweet, adorable name of Jesus, to the man of God who proclaims in the mightiness and majesty of Scripture the unsearchable riches of Christ, is to our Church, what it has been, the source of those spiritual and temporal blessings of godliness, which an angel's tongue would fail to value or enumerate.

In the several departments of our system of education, parental, pastoral, Sunday-school, classical and theological, what have you but so many streams gushing from the life-giving fountain of salvation, to spread in their appropriate spheres, then meet, mingle, combine, and diffuse their effects throughout the Church and the world it influences; thus subserving to introduce thousands and thousands and ten times thousands to enjoy, after the refreshings they have here received, the light, purity, bliss, and glory of the heaven of heavens, that, like the throne of the Eternal, can never pass away.

Christian education makes our Church as the garden of Eden, with its Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates, that after fertilizing its trees, flowed on through many a lovely land, with the same benign, enriching benefits, until lost in the ocean they sought. Oh, we have a good-



ly heritage, a church of the Reformation, as near, we verily believe, as any other church of that glorious era, to the infallible oracles of God, transmitted to us through the piety, the faithfulness, the very martyrdom of our forefathers. "Peace be within her walls, prosperity within her palaces."

The Lord bless the Sunday-school, the Grammar-school, the College, the Seminary!

Beneath his smiles may they all flourish in the enjoyment of the confidence and patronage of our entire Church. that together they may be as the college of fishermen in Galilee, as Heidelberg in its palmy days, when all the Reformed Churches of Europe sought the benefit of its piety and learning.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee.

ISAAC S. DEMUND, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.:—Rev. John Knox, and Messrs. B. Livingston Kip and Horatio P. Allen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz.:—Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, Abraham Messler, William H. Campbell, John C. F. Hoes, Peter D. Oakey, Charles Whitehead, Abraham R. Van Nest, Thomas M. Strong, Mancius S. Hutton, and Messrs. James Forrester, Bauman Lowe, Peter Duryee, Jacob Brouwer, and Grant Dubois to fill a vacancy.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### RUTGERS COLLEGE.

*Resolved*, That a special Committee, consisting of Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Benjamin C. Taylor, and Garret J. Garretson, and the Elders, Stephen Garretson and Daniel P. Ingraham, be appointed to examine the Minutes of General Synod, and any other documents, and report the present state of the covenant relations existing between General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted; and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Covenant Relations existing between the General Synod and Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, be recommitted to the same Committee, and that such Committee be authorized to meet a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College, to reduce to form the covenant relations as they are now in force and effect between the Synod and the College, and report the same to the next General Synod.

It was then *Resolved*, That the Committee be enlarged to seven. Whereupon the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, and the Elder, John Delamater, were added to the Committee.

A communication was received from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, requesting the General Synod to expunge from their Minutes that part of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, on file, relating to the charge of misappropriation of the Van Benschoten Fund ; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Certain papers presented to Synod by the Rev. J. Romeyn, on the same subject, were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Whereas, in the communication of the Rev. E. Van Benschoten, containing his bequest, it is provided that the Board of Trustees who hold his bequest in trust for the Synod, shall render an account of the same to the General Synod when they require it ;

*Resolved*, That a special Committee, consisting of Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Benjamin C. Taylor and R. Ormiston Currie, and the Elders, Daniel P. Ingraham and George Zabriskie, be appointed to call upon the Trustees of Rutgers College for a detailed account and statement of the present investments of the Van Benschoten Fund, and of the annual income and expenditures of the same ; said account and statement to include the whole period of time during which the Trustees have held said Fund in trust.

*Resolved*, That the Committee endeavor to obtain from the Trustees a similar account and statement in relation to the investments, income and expenditures from the Knox Fund, and of any other funds in the hands of the Trustees in which the General Synod is interested.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### PROFESSORATE.

*Resolved*, That the plan adopted by the General Synod at their adjourned session in September last, in relation to the manner of constituting the Board of Superintendents, be rescinded, and that the Synod return to the plan in operation immediately previous to the alteration of the same, with the exception that the expenses of the members be paid by their respective Classes.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Nominations to nominate double the number of persons from whom to elect members to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents, and also one in the place of Rev. John C. Van Liew, who has left the Classis of Cayuga and connected himself with the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following persons were chosen: Rev. Alexander H. Warner, R. Ormiston Currie, John Himrod, John T. Demarest, Jacob West, David Murdock, John H. Pitcher and James V. Henry.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report: That the documents usually referred to this Committee have been put into their hands, and have been made the subjects of careful consideration.

I. *Board of Direction*.—Every year renews its testimony to the fidelity, care and success with which the financial concerns of the Church are managed by your Board. The duties devolving on them are arduous and responsible, and while the manner of their fulfilment amply justifies the confidence of Synod, it asserts an ever-growing claim upon the gratitude of the Church.

The Annual Digest, List of Securities, and Treasurer's Report of the present year, give a satisfactory account of the amount of the Church's Funds, the investments made of them, and the manner of appropriating the moneys received. For some years it was the privilege of your Board to congratulate the Synod upon their receipts balancing their expenditures; but the last three or four years exhibit a change, and they now report a growing deficiency. The General Synod, at their last stated session, authorized the appointment of an Agent to solicit from the churches the necessary means to relieve the embarrassments of the Board, and enable them to meet the current expenses. The Board have endeavored to carry out this resolution, but have failed in finding a suitable person who was willing to undertake the agency. The necessity of something being done on this behalf has become imperious through what has occurred during the past year. The fences around the College grounds, which had long been in a ruinous state, were prostrated by a severe storm, and rendered worthless. Happily for Synod, several citizens of New-Brunswick, with some other individuals, anxious to see the College premises put into a creditable condition, offered to raise \$2,000 to be applied to this object, provided the Synod would contribute a like sum. Unwilling that Synod should lose the benefit of this very liberal offer, the Board authorized their President and Treasurer to borrow \$3,500, a sum sufficient to meet this offer, pay

off a debt of \$1,200 now pressing on them, and execute some necessary repairs on the College edifice. Great credit is due to the Board for the promptness with which they acted on this occasion, and the devotion they have exhibited to the interests of Synod.

And while your Committee would recommend to Synod the approval of what has been done, they cannot refrain from expressing the hope that a hearty response will be made by the churches to pay off the debt thus incurred, and prevent the accumulation of further burdens. Some exercise of liberality on the part of the churches has become indispensable, not only to meet the exigency just referred to, but to provide for the contingent expenses of Synod, which your Board say are entirely unprovided for.

To meet the present necessities of the Board in this matter, your Committee recommend the following:—

*Resolved*, That a collection be taken up in each of the churches under the care of this Synod, on the second Sabbath of October, for the purpose of reducing the present debt of the Church, and to meet contingent expenses.

Your Committee regret to find from the Treasurer's Report, that notwithstanding the action of Synod on the subject several years since, there is still a great delinquency among the Classes in paying for the Minutes of Synod. Your Committee would recommend to Synod, to urge upon the Classes so delinquent an immediate attention to the matter of paying up their dues, that they may owe the Church nothing but love and good offices.

II. *Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.*—From the Report of this Board, your Committee are happy to learn the continued prosperity of the Theological School. Nothing has occurred, through the past year, to interrupt the regular discharge of Professoral duty, or to hinder the students from making a diligent improvement of their advantages. The number of students in the Seminary when the Report of your Board was drawn, was, in the Senior Class, 11; Middle Class, 9; Junior Class, 12. This number considerably exceeds that of previous years, and is to be traced to that season of refreshment with which the Great Head of the Church was pleased to visit our institutions a few years since. The general deportment of the students, their talents, theological attainments, and promise for usefulness, are spoken of by the Board in the most favorable terms.

It appears from the Report, that on a recommendation from the Professors, Mr. Hedges, of the Middle Class, was dismissed by the Board, to connect himself with the Theological Seminary of Geneva, Switzerland. His intention was to prosecute the missionary work in South America or France; and he hoped by a year of study there to have become better qualified for his contemplated field of labor. But alas for the uncertainty of human expectations! He who was eagerly looking forward to scenes of earthly labor, was, within a short period after, and at an unexpected moment, transferred to the more sublime and glorious employments of the world above. It is gratifying to your

Committee, to find the students of our Seminary looking on every side at the fields that are white and ready for the harvest, and manifesting a readiness to enter in, and reap from all.

Your Committee also notice what are designated "two cases of irregular prosecution of appointed studies:" the one that of Mr. Schriver, who was called home by pressing affliction, but expected to return and take his place with the Junior Class of next term; the other that of Mr. Strong, who did not apply for admission into the Seminary until the latter part of November. These irregularities were the result of circumstances which disposed the Board to assent to the arrangement of Mr. Schriver, and to admit Mr. Strong to a full standing with the class.

Your Committee regret to learn, by a paper which has been referred to them, that the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College have felt themselves aggrieved by a statement made in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, in reference to their appropriation of the Van Benschoten Funds. As it appears that the statement referred to was discovered to be an error by the Chairman of the Committee, and the correction promptly made by him both to the Board of Trustees and to the Synod—

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to append to the paragraph referred to in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, a suitable note explanatory of the error alluded to.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. DWIGHT, *Chairman, &c.*

## ARTICLE XV.

### STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### MISSIONS.

THE Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Annual Missionary Sermon before the Synod was preached on the evening of the first Sabbath after the opening of the session, in the Reformed Dutch church corner of Bleecker and Amos streets, by Rev. Duncan Kennedy, from Mark xvi. 15.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following Report :—

First, the prominent subjects of this Report are of a peculiarly interesting, yet painful and trying character.

The announcement of the death of the loved and honored missionaries Thomson and Pohlman, and the circumstances of their departure from earth, are calculated to awaken deep sympathy with their friends, their fellow-laborers, their kindred, the mission cause, and the Church. Eight of our missionaries, male and female, have now gone to their reward. These dealings of an all-wise and all-gracious God, however inscrutable to human vision, should generate and urge forward a deeper interest in the holy cause of Foreign Missions. While God is removing one after another of these devoted laborers in the cause of truth and holiness, and this just at those critical moments when their usefulness seemed ready to break forth on the right hand and on the left, it cannot be without some high and holy purpose. May it not be that, because the Church has so very feebly responded to the calls of duty and Christian philanthropy and of the cause of Jesus Christ, the Divine wisdom and goodness may be displayed in alluring and constraining the Church to arise and shake herself from the dust; to direct her eye of faith not only over the world in the confidence of the final accomplishment of the purposes of Christ's sufferings and death, by the redemption of this world to God, but upwards to the beholding of the rewards and glory of those who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, have entered into rest? The beholding of their crowns of eternal life, their heavenly employments, and their abundant joy, should move us to a due appreciation of the grace of God in Christ whereby they were rendered instruments of righteousness unto holiness, and to a holy earnestness and activity in the Master's service while it is called to-day; "for the night cometh in which no man can work."

It is indeed painful to reflect upon the trials and sorrows experienced in respect to the Borneo Mission. It is now an abandoned mission. Mr. Youngblood and his wife are now on their way to this country by reason of broken health, and Mr. Steele has been summoned to return to recruit his strength, and secure, if possible, reinforcements for this field, the scene of so many anxieties, labors and prayers.

In view of this afflictive state of this mission, it is greatly to be desired that Mr. Steele should on his arrival in this country be directed to visit the churches, and under appropriate instructions from your Board, urge the claims of the Foreign Missionary cause.

Nor can we direct our attention to the Amoy Mission without emotion. Here joy and sorrow meet. We are rejoiced to know that the first house erected in that city for the worship of the only living and true God has been completed, and that therein devout worshippers are from time to time rendering holy homage to the Master of the house. Yet a gloom is spread over the scene by the sad story of the death of him who labored so assiduously for its erection. And the afflictive dispensation, whereby the force of this mission has been diminished, bids us to put no confidence in the flesh, for "it is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Whatever obstacles may arise, whatever trials may be endured, whatever discouragements may be met with, the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. His covenant is well ordered in all things and sure. Missionaries may die, temporary relinquishment of stations may be necessary, but Jesus lives. His cause must live, and He who has raised up faithful servants, and served himself of them here, and taken them to their reward, can and will raise up others; and all his seemingly adverse movements will ultimately appear in their true light, as links in the great chain of events in which he fulfils all his pleasure and confirms his promises unto Zion.

The receipts of the treasury the past year have been seven thousand nine hundred and fifty seven dollars and two cents, (\$7,957 02.) And there has been paid to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions \$5,599 37, and for postage, exchange and books of account \$14 95, thus leaving in the Treasurer's hands a balance of \$2,357 65. Of the amount received and paid to the A. B. C. F. M., \$167 01 was for the Amoy chapel and \$145 for the debt of the American Board.

There is reason to believe that a full proportion of the debt of the A. B. C. F. M., which at the last annual meeting of the Board amounted to about \$60,000, was incurred by expenditures upon the missions for which the Reformed Dutch Church was responsible. It is, therefore, to be regretted that the attention of our people has been directed in such limited measure to this special object. Only a little over one hundred dollars has been furnished by our churches. Can we be willing that other denominations shall bring up their arrearage, and we rely on them in addition thereto to furnish our quota? We trust

not. And as there are yet two months to elapse before the close of the current year of the Board, and efforts are making to cover the whole debt by that time, your Committee recommend the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the friends of Foreign Missions in the Reformed Dutch churches be earnestly requested without delay to aid in the liquidation of the existing debt of the A. B. C. F. M., without diminishing their ordinary contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

It is moreover a painful fact, that the receipts for the year ending on the 31st ultimo are less than those of the previous year by \$1,290 71; and the Committee report the fact in the hope that it will be instrumental in stirring up the Church to future energy and enlarged liberality, while it should humble us to find such evidence of diminished interest in this cause for the past.

In view of the claims of the heathen world upon the Church of Christ, and in the hope of securing an increased regard to the cause of Gospel truth and righteousness in all the earth, your Committee feel that as far as practicable it is important to secure a simultaneous monthly concert for prayer; and they deem the first Sabbath in the month the most appropriate season. They therefore recommend the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to all our churches to observe the afternoon or evening of the first Sabbath in each month as the season for the monthly concert for prayer for the conversion of the world to God; and that in the services of these occasions efforts be made to communicate more fully interesting missionary intelligence.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

### EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The whole number of churches and missions aided during the year is forty-five, of which eight are mission stations. The appropriations for the year amount to \$8,926 66; and the amount of orders upon the treasury issued during the year is \$6,852 91. Of the churches and stations to which aid has been extended, one is in the State of Pennsylvania, eleven are in New-Jersey, and thirty-three are in New-York.

The accounts which have been presented of the state of these churches and stations are highly interesting, showing the goodness of God towards the churches, and calling for devout gratitude to the adorable Head of the Church. Several new churches have been reared, and the people have entered into them with thanksgiving and praise. Into these sanctuaries many have been gathered who now rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes are exerting a hallowed influence, and the stated Sabbath and sanctuary services have been attended with the blessing which makes rich and adds no sorrow thereto. And when the Report of the Board shall be spread before the public, in detail, it will satisfy all that this



has been a year of goodness of the Lord in this department of Christian labor, anxiety and energy.

#### WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

Twelve churches and stations have been under the fostering care of the Board, viz. : four churches and stations in Illinois, served by three ministers ; seven churches and stations in Michigan have enjoyed the services of six ministers, and the pulpit of the church at Grand Rapids has frequently been occupied by the Holland ministers in that vicinity, who have dispensed the Word and ordinances to the people who have recently settled there, from the land of the forefathers of our own Church ; and in Indiana one station and one minister.

It is only justice to say, that during the past year your missionaries have labored with untiring diligence and zeal, and that they have not been left without cheering tokens of the Lord's presence and blessing. They have not labored in vain, nor spent their strength for nought. Although they have not reported anything like an ingathering of a rich and abundant harvest, it is with them in their work as yet the seed-time, and we have reason to believe a future abundant harvest will be gathered.

In reference to the attention which is due to the Hollanders who have settled in the West, it seems unnecessary to use further argument ; the whole train of circumstances which is blended with the history of their settlement, and the relation of the Reformed Dutch Church in the United States to the Church of Holland, together with the exigencies of these colonists, bid us act a liberal part ; and your Committee recommend that the Board of Domestic Missions use such efforts as may be within their power to further the views expressed in the interesting communication on this subject which forms a part of the Report of the Board.

*Re-constitution of the Board.*—The Board having been very recently re-organized according to the direction of the General Synod, and the members of the Board having been classified according to the respective terms of service, the terms of the following members have expired and their places must be filled, viz. : Rev. Messrs. Thomas De Witt, Isaac Ferris, Abraham Messler, Alexander M. Mann, James Romeyn, and Messrs. Teunis Van Vechten, William Stephens, F. J. Hosford.

*Corresponding Secretary.*—The Board having selected an individual as Corresponding Secretary, who deemed it his duty to decline the service, feeling the importance of securing an efficient servant of Christ in this department, express the desire that the Synod would make choice of a person therefor at its present session. And your Committee recommend, with a view to the important service to be rendered and the harmonious action of the Church in this matter, that the Synod make the selection.

*System of Collecting Funds.*—The Board have presented for the consideration of the Synod a plan of organization of associations of

young men as auxiliaries in carrying on our Domestic Missions, and designate certain places as centres of action. The agencies thus to be organized to have their own detailed organizations, officers, &c. The raising of moneys in these fields to be intrusted to them in connection with the pastors and consistories of the churches within their circle, and any Corresponding Secretary whom the General Synod may appoint; and the funds so raised to be paid over to the Synod's Board. These agencies to have the privilege of suggesting new fields of labor for the Synod's Board, naming the points or the persons to whom their funds shall be appropriated to the amount of one-half of all they raise. And to them the missionaries appointed at their request regularly to report, as well as to the Synod's Board.

There can be no doubt that this plan would in some good measure draw forth the energies of the young men in our churches in this cause of vital importance to our missionary operations. But how far it will be practicable, in the way of general operation throughout the churches, the Committee have no means of judging. The following resolution is however submitted:—

Whereas, it is very desirable that the interest of the churches in the cause of missions should be deepened, a sense of personal responsibility widely diffused, and the means of the Board greatly augmented;

*Resolved*, That the Domestic Board of Missions, in connection with their Corresponding Secretary, be advised to organize Auxiliary Societies with the consent of consistories, wherever it may be deemed expedient, especially among the young, and to adopt whatever means they in their wisdom may judge proper in order to draw out the entire energies of the Church.

The Treasurer reports the receipt of \$14,056 84 during the year, of which sum \$8,857 11 was a legacy of the late Margaret Burgess, deceased, and \$5,095 11 contributed by the churches and individual friends of this cause, being \$661 66 less than the sum furnished by the churches last year; and there remains in the Treasurer's hands a balance of \$1,603 15.

Your Committee add their deep conviction of the necessity of vigorous action in behalf of both the Foreign and Domestic Boards. Our ministers, and consistories, and church members should endeavor to feel a higher degree of obligation than heretofore, to sympathize with these holy interests, to wrestle with God in their behalf, and to come up to the work of abounding liberality, that the whole work of missions may be carried forward to the benefit of the world and the glory of God our Saviour. And when this spirit shall be manifest, its influence will be felt on the minds and hearts of those who are looking forward to the ministry of reconciliation, and in the minds and hearts of all who labor for God in the salvation of sinners and the edification of saints. They will be encouraged to co-operate, and there will not be wanting those, well qualified, who will say in answer to the inquiry, Who will go for us? "Here are we, send us." Of this there are pleasing indications in the communication from the Society of Inquiry on Missions in our Theological Seminary, which accompanies the reports of the

Boards. Let then those who love the blessed Master and his cause, heed the Divine Word: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven and also to eight, for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth there it shall be."

The Committee submit the following resolution:—

Whereas, the interests of both our Boards of Missions need to be more fully presented at the sessions of our General Synod;

*Resolved*, That at each annual session of the General Synod two missionary sermons be preached,—one in behalf of the Foreign and the other in behalf of the Domestic Missionary cause; and that persons be annually chosen to render these services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman*,

Whereas, it appears that the A. B. C. F. M. is still laboring under a portion of the debt reported at their last annual meeting, a full proportion of which has been incurred by the aid they have rendered in supporting the missionaries of our Church; and whereas, our Church is abundantly able, and is in duty bound to support her own missionaries; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly enjoined upon our ministers to call the attention of our churches to this subject, and to make a united effort to raise a special contribution on behalf of the Board previous to the first of August next.

Synod proceeded to the election of the Corresponding Secretary contemplated in the above Report. The names of several individuals were presented by open nomination, when the election took place. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. R. Ormiston Currie was chosen; whereupon it was

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Rev. R. Ormiston Currie be and hereby is appointed the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod.

*Resolved*, That in case the person elected as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions shall decline the appointment, the Board be and hereby are authorized to employ, on the most favorable pecuniary terms, such instrumentalities as they may find indispensable to the successful prosecution of their work.

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Corresponding Secretary be \$2,000 per annum, inclusive of his travelling expenses.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz. :—Rev. Thomas De Witt, Abraham Messler, James Romeyn, Thomas M. Strong, James B. Hardenbergh, and Messrs. Teunis Van Vechten, Mortimer De Motte, and James Anderson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, viz. :—Rev. Thomas De Witt, Nicholas J. Marselus, Maurice W. Dwight, Charles Whitehead, and Mr. William R. Thompson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Alexander M'Clelland, D. D., was chosen *Primarius*, to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff *Secundus*. The Rev. R. Ormiston Currie was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. John Van Liew *Secundus*.

*Resolved*, That the sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions, before the next General Synod, be preached on the evening of the second day of the session, and that on behalf of Foreign Missions, on the evening of the first Sabbath after the commencement of the session.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Widows' Fund have examined the reports for the last year from the Treasurer of the Board of Corporation. The number of subscribers reported is sixty-seven, and the present number of annuitants is seven. The amount received as income is \$2,352 28, and the disbursements \$2,170 14; leaving a balance of \$182 14 in the treasury. During the year there has also been added to the principal of the Fund, the sum of \$321 01. It is a matter of regret that six of the subscribers have withdrawn their subscriptions, amounting in the aggregate to \$560.

The happy influence of this Fund has already been developed in the comfort which it has ministered, both to the families of deceased brethren whose memory is precious to the Church, and to two of our brethren who are still spared in life, but are disabled from their ministry. We again commend it to the sympathies and liberality of the churches.

J. M. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

*New-York, June 12th, 1849.*

## ARTICLE XX.

### P A R T I C U L A R I A .

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch church at Greenwich, requesting that the Synod would direct that the Annual Missionary Sermon be preached in their church, on the corner of Bleecker and Amos streets. Whereupon it was resolved that their request be granted.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

*Resolved*, That all distinctive titles or appendages to the names of members of Synod be omitted in recording the Minutes of this Synod ; such distinctive title being prefixed or appended to the name of the member in the list of members constituting the Synod.

*Resolved*, That General Synod earnestly recommend to the different churches, to recognize on the fourth Thursday of June, in their respective places of worship, the solemn providence of God, by which he has been pleased to visit our land with “the pestilence that walketh by night and the destruction that wasteth at noonday,”—blessing his holy name for the mild form it has assumed, and beseeching him that he would abundantly sanctify the chastisement to the increase of piety among his people, and the conversion of many souls to Christ Jesus our Lord ; that righteousness may flow as a mighty and fertilizing river ; that the affliction may be stayed and further judgment not provoked.

Fifty copies of the sermon of Rev. Dr. Knox, on occasion of the death of the Rev. William Cahoone, were received and distributed among the members.

The Rev. James V. Henry, John Van Liew, and the Elder John Fowler, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to corresponding churches, and persons to preach the missionary

sermons at the next meeting of the General Synod, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

Whereas, the subject of slavery has for some years past been urged upon the attention of the A. B. C. F. M., and has consumed much valuable time at the annual meetings; and whereas, in the opinion of this Synod, a continued introduction of the subject into the deliberations of the Board threatens to affect injuriously its harmony and efficiency, and is foreign to its great object as an institution created for the simple but noble purpose of spreading the Gospel among heathen nations, and sustained as such by Christians who embrace different views on the merits of this perplexing question; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod respectfully express to the Board our deep conviction, that it would be highly inexpedient for the Board to entertain this subject in its future deliberations; and that the lawfulness of admitting slaves or slaveholders to the communion of the Christian Church, and other kindred matters, should be left to the adjudication of the churches and ecclesiastical authorities to whom such questions properly belong.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Samuel I. Prime, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, at his request addressed the Synod on the morning of the second day of the session, in relation to the operations of that Society; whereupon the following resolutions were adopted by the Synod:—

*Resolved*, That it is one of the clearest of duties to promote the diffusion of the Sacred Volume as extensively as possible.

As regards the history of Bible Society organizations, the present century shows that through their instrumentality, an unparalleled increase of translations and distributions has been effected; that the best of all books has thus become the lowest of all in price, is kept clear from sectarian perversions, and is primarily and mainly furnished to the destitute.

*Resolved*, That this mode of preparing and circulating the Word of God has the hearty approbation of this ecclesiastical body.

As the American Bible Society has co-operating branches and auxiliaries in most parts of the country, designed and calculated to facilitate the supply of our own population with the Scriptures,—

*Resolved*, That the members of our churches and congregations be invited to co-operate with the local organizations, and render them efficient aid in furnishing destitute families, Sabbath-schools, and all who need, with Bibles and Testaments.

As the parent Society, by the growth of new States and Territories, by the revolutions of Europe, by the progress of Missions in Moham-medan and Pagan countries, is now called upon annually for a much larger amount of means than it can furnish towards preparing and circulating the Scriptures, having a deficiency of nearly \$30,000 the past year,—

*Resolved*, That it be considered the duty of our respective charges, where circumstances will permit, to assign a month in each year, when a collection shall be taken up in furtherance of this important object, and that whether the Bible agent be present or not.

The Rev. Mr. Pinney, Agent of the New-York State Colonization Society, addressed the Synod at his request, on the second day of the session, on the operations of said Society ; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the statement made by the Rev. Mr. Pinney, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. R. Ormiston Currie and Cornelius Blauvelt, and the Elder Teunis Van Vechten.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sentiments of Synod on the subject of colonizing, with their own consent, persons of color on the coast of Africa, respectfully submit the following :—

*Resolved*, That the value of the colonization enterprise, as conservative of the peace and harmony of our country, as adapted practically to meliorate the condition of the free people of color, as auxiliary to the missionary work in Africa, and as the most effective and economical agency for suppressing the slave trade, has been eminently manifested in the events of the past year.

*Resolved*, That we have learned with pleasure that an increased number of churches are, from year to year, making collections to aid the Society, and that the Synod reiterate the recommendation often expressed by former Synods, that annual collections be made in our churches in its behalf, on a Sabbath near the fourth of July.

R. ORMISTON CURRIE, *Chairman*.

Fifty copies of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Colonization Society of the State of New-York, thirty-eight copies of the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the American Sunday-school Union, fifty copies of the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the A. B. C. F. M., fifty copies of the Sermon preached before the Board by Rev. Dr. Ferris, sixty copies of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the American Tract Society, and sixty copies of a work entitled, "Home Evangelization," published by them, were received and distributed among the members.

The Rev. Mr. Cook, one of the Secretaries of the American Tract Society, addressed the Synod at his request, on the morning of the third day of the session, in relation to the operations of that institution; whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:—

*Resolved*, That Synod regard the American Tract Society with deep and growing interest, as manifesting the substantial unity of evangelical Christians, as a means of sanctifying our popular literature, and as a powerful auxiliary of the ministry in the evangelization of the world.

*Resolved*, That the system of colportage, prosecuted by the Tract Society, is entitled to the warmest sympathies and most liberal co-operation of our churches, as a means of extending the knowledge of Christ and him crucified to the millions of European immigrants flocking to our shores, and to the multitudes sweeping beyond the influence of the church and the pulpit in our new territories and along the Pacific coast.

The Rev. Mr. Beach, Agent of the American Evangelical Alliance, at his request addressed the Synod on the nature and operations of that Society, on the morning of the fourth day of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Marsh, Corresponding Secretary of the American Temperance Union, addressed the Synod on the subject of efforts in behalf of Temperance, on the seventh day of the session; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That this cause is held in the highest estimation by Synod; and is recommended to all the ministers and churches to be sustained by them in righteousness and love, and in the fear of God, and in conformity to his Word.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

### ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts report, that they have examined the door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$11 38, which they recommend to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ABEEL BALDWIN, *Chairman*.



## ARTICLE XXV.

## RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the families who have entertained the members of Synod, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have been received by them.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the ministers and consistory of the Ref. Prot. Dutch church in Lafayette place, New-York, for the use of their church edifice during the session.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz.: Rev. John W. Ward, Henry Morris; Elders, Abraham D. Vervalen and Ralph Manning.

The Minutes were read and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

## A D J O U R N M E N T .

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Protestant Dutch church in the city of Schenectady, on the first Wednesday in June, 1850, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and was closed with singing the 402d hymn, prayer, and pronouncing the apostolical benediction by the President.

GEORGE H. FISHER, *President*.

GARRET J. GARRETSON, *Adressor*.

WILLIAM R. GORDON, }  
THOMAS C. STRONG, } *Clerks*.

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